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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-2325

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 3-22-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/8, 13-16/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. WISEMAN RWW:rz
TITLE JUDITH COPLON <i>121-5969 77-6377 65-14932</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information concerning one CONSTANT J. GREAX set out. Personal History Statement of this individual furnished by C. B. HEWES, Miami Beach, Florida, formerly Captain of SS Foundation Aranmore, forwarded FBI Laboratory for examination.

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DETAILS: AT KEY WEST, FLORIDA

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service failed to reflect any individual record for CONSTANT J. GREAX. The records of this office with regard to the SS Foundation Aranmore reflect that this vessel was wrecked off Greater Inagua, Bahamas, British West Indies, during the month of March, 1946, and the crew survivors were brought into Key West by the U. S. salvage vessel Crusader.

The crew list of the SS Foundation Aranmore maintained in the Immigration and Naturalization Service files reflect that CONSTANT J. GREAX signed on aboard the SS Foundation Aranmore on July 5, 1945, at St. Barthelemy, French West Indies. These records further reflect that this individual signed on as a quartermaster, a French citizen, 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 145 pounds, and had a French passport No. 158 issued at Guadalupe, issue date not reflected. These records also reflect that the crew survivors of the SS Foundation Aranmore were admitted through the Port of Key West, Florida, on March 10, 1946, and thereafter ordered to report to the Miami, Florida, agent, name not given, who was handling the affairs of instant vessel.

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AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Inquiry at the Office of Marine Inspection, U. S. Coast Guard, Room 502, Professional Building, reflects that the Office of the Captain of the Port was discontinued late in 1945, and the entire records of this office are now being maintained in the Central Files Section kept by the Commandant of Merchant Vessel Personnel, U. S. Coast Guard, 1300 E Street, Washington, D. C. A further search of the records of the Marine Inspection Office failed to reflect any record for CONSTANT J. GREUX, but the reporting Agent was advised that this individual's complete file did include a photograph of him which appeared on the ID Card No. 07224349 which had been issued by the Captain of the Port Office on September 21, 1945.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect no individual file for CONSTANT J. GREUX; however, the file of the SS Foundation Aranmore reflected that this vessel was fined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for a violation over which they have jurisdiction on July 20, 1945, and again on August 12, 1945, while instant vessel was in Port Everglades, Florida. In both instances one JEAN CONSTANT GREUX was listed as an alien crew member aboard this vessel. This file also reflects that the agents for the SS Foundation Aranmore, a vessel operating under Canadian registry, were the Harriman Shipping Company, Miami, Florida.

Mr. ED HARRIMAN, owner of the Harriman Shipping Company, Pier 2, examined his records with regard to the SS Foundation Aranmore but was unable to furnish any information with regard to JEAN CONSTANT GREUX. Mr. HARRIMAN informed the reporting Agent that when this vessel was wrecked off Greater Inagua, Mr. GERARD BULLEN was acting as agent for this vessel. Mr. HARRIMAN further advised that the Captain of instant vessel at the time of wrecking was a Mr. C. B. HEWES, 1771 Purdy Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. C. B. HEWES, 1771 Purdy Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, examined his records and furnished the reporting Agent the Personal History Statement form concerning CONSTANT J. GREUX. This form indicates that CONSTANT J. GREUX was born at Flamand, St. Barthelemy, French West Indies, on June 24, 1919, and that his home address was likewise Flamand, St. Barthelemy. This form indicates that this individual's parents are residing in Flamand, St. Barthelemy, and that he is described as follows:

Height:	5'6"
Weight:	145
Complexion:	Fair

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Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Blue
Nationality:	French

This form indicates that this individual signed on aboard the SS Foundation Aranmore as a deckhand listing his former occupation as a painter and indicated on this form that he was not Communistic. Mr. HEWES, who was the Captain of the SS Foundation Aranmore at the time of its wrecking off Greater Inagua, states that the written signature of CONSTANT J. GREUX appearing on this form was executed in his presence and that he is fairly certain that all printed ink entries appearing on this form were likewise prepared by CONSTANT J. GREUX.

Mr. HEWES explained that it was his customary procedure to have a crew member sign this form in his presence and then complete the form by printing in the necessary entries. Mr. HEWES advised that all penciled entries appearing on instant form had been executed by him. Mr. HEWES recalls that the entire group of alien crew members which was aboard the SS Foundation Aranmore was returned on April 6, 1946, to Guadalupe aboard the schooner Cachlot after having been cleared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service authorities in Miami, Florida, on the preceding day, April 5, 1946.

Mr. GERARD BULLEN, Room 704 Chamber of Commerce Building, advised that a search of his records concerning the SS Foundation Aranmore reflected that the entire group of alien crew members was returned to Guadalupe on April 6, 1946, and that his records reflect no information of value concerning CONSTANT J. GREUX.

The Personal History Statement executed by CONSTANT J. GREUX and furnished to the reporting Agent by Mr. C. B. HEWES, former Captain of the SS Foundation Aranmore is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover for comparison with Specimen Q-114 and the handwritten specimen of GREUX CONSTANT previously submitted by the Washington Field Office with regard to this case.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

Will locate and inspect JEAN CONSTANT GREAU's file at the Office of the Commandant of Merchant Vessel Personnel, U. S. Coast Guard, 1300 E Street, Washington, D. C., noting that the Marine Inspection Office, Miami, Florida, has advised that instant individual's complete file including the photograph appearing on Captain of the Port ID Card No. 07224349 issued September 21, 1945, at Miami should be maintained in the Central files of this agency.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated February 24, 1950,
at Washington, D. C.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 12, 1950

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TRAINING UNIT

A confidential foreign source has advised that Dorothy Flagg Leet and Andre Schindler, who are residing in France, have been the subject of investigation by the French authorities. This investigation has not resulted in any evidence that they are engaged in clandestine activities, and, according to the confidential foreign source, there does not appear to be any direct or indirect liaison between them. The following information regarding them was obtained from the confidential foreign source:

Dorothy Flagg Leet: Born December 12, 1894, at Jamestown, U.S.A., of American nationality. Directress of Reid Hall, American University Women's Paris Centre, 4 rue Cheuvreuse, Paris, France.

Andre Schindler: Born January 9, 1922, at Haiphong, Indo-China.
Aircraft engineer of French nationality.
living at 3 (bis) Place St. Sulpice, Paris 6e.

The foregoing is set forth for your information. You will recall that the names of Dorothy Flagg Leet and Andre Schindler appeared in the address book of Judith Coplon.

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SAC, New Haven

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

RE: JUDITH COPLON-PAGE 4

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION RE SECURITY MATTERS
FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] - INFORMANT
SECURITY MATTER - C

While agents of this office were at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, GENE KELLY, a parole officer at the institution, advised them that the above mentioned informant who is an inmate at the institution had told him that he had some information which he considered important concerning Communist members and their activities in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. KELLY requested that the agents interview this individual.

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Prior to interviewing him, the files at the FCI were checked which reflect that [REDACTED]
1949 to a term of two years for violation of postal laws and forgery. The file reflects that he was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio; that his home address was listed as [REDACTED] and he was born on [REDACTED] at New York City.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

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He stated that while he was in the service overseas he began to get publications such as "What is Communism" by Browder; "In Fact" and other publications of similar nature whose names he offhandedly could not recall. He claims that he did not know who was mailing him this type of literature and that he himself had never subscribed to any of the organizations that the publications represented.

He claims that he communicated with his wife and asked her who was sending him this type of literature. He claims that she told him via her letters that it was coming from herself and from her friends and he claims that she

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told him that they were sending him this literature because they thought that he would enjoy reading it. At approximately the same time he advised that his parents had told him via their letters that his wife was attending Communist Party meetings, had attended a May Day celebration sponsored by the Communist Party and that [redacted]

[redacted] an employee of the Food and Drug Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, was also getting Communist and Communist front literature from various organizations and, according to the informant, his father and mother advised him that they had never subscribed to these publications, but that they were being sent to them by his wife. According to the informant, his father told him that he had told the letter carrier and had written to the Post Office Department and to the publishers of those periodicals which he was receiving to assist in sending them to him or members of his family.

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The informant stated that after [redacted]

[redacted] who resides on Ocean Avenue and Avenue X in Brooklyn, came to his home one evening on a recruiting drive for the Communist Party. The informant stated that in the meantime he had learned that [redacted] were both members of the Jefferson Branch of the Communist Party and were endeavoring at this time to establish a new branch to be known as the Abraham Lincoln Branch with headquarters on Tompkins and Dekalb Avenue in Brooklyn.

The informant stated that at first he did not know that the Jefferson Club was a branch of the Communist Party; that he attended a meeting with his wife and they asked him to get into organizations such as the AVC and when he inquired as to their reasons, he was informed that they wanted new blood in this group and individuals of his type and with his ideas. He stated that he believed they talked to him in this vein because they assumed he was also a Communist Party member because his wife was and he was with her. He further advised that they instructed him to pull Communist Party votes within the American Legion of which he was a member. The informant stated that he was affiliated with the Bronsville Post of the Legion.
(Bronsville)

The informant claims that from this one meeting which took place in December of 1945 he gathered immediately that it was definitely a Communist Party outfit. At this same meeting the club members wanted those in attendance to attend the meeting which was to be addressed by PETER CACCHIONE and BEN DAVIS. The informant claims that his wife purchased two tickets for this affair.

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He advised that he attended this meeting which was held at Livingston Manor on Livingston and Hoyt Streets in Brooklyn. He advised that at this meeting both DAVIS and CACCHIONE in their talks advised the gathering that they needed banners for a May Day celebration which was to take place shortly; that they needed young blood in the organization and they needed individuals who were willing to follow the Party line. He advised that he recalls that the speeches by these two individuals were strictly relating to Communist activities and to Communist Party lines.

He stated that during this period his wife was attempting to get him to read Communist Party literature such as the Daily Worker, books by DEWEY and other known Communist leaders.

He stated that he and his wife then moved to Williamsburg, a section of Brooklyn, and resided in an apartment located at [redacted]. He advised that at approximately the same time an individual by the name of DOROTHY BADER [redacted] He claims that this was her real name but she used the name DOROTHY COHEN or DOT COHEN in the Communist Party. He advised that her husband was LOUIS BADER, known to CP members as LOUIS COHEN, and at this time was studying law under the name of LOUIS BADER at CCNY. According to informant, this individual now has law offices under the name of BADER on lower Broadway.

The informant claims that his wife registered him in the Communist Party in October of 1945 prior to his discharge from the service and while he was overseas. He claims that he and his wife were registered under the name of [redacted] and, in addition, his wife is also registered with the Party under her maiden name of [redacted]. According to the informant, DOROTHY BADER advised that she and her husband used a fictitious name for their Party affiliations because her family was in business and they did not want it to be generally known that they were members of the Party. He stated that it did not matter to his wife who knew she was a member of the Party and to his knowledge she never used any alias for a Party name. b7D

He stated that his wife told him that the Communist philosophy was her political belief and she was not ashamed to be affiliated with the group and at all times used her correct name.

He stated that during this period he and his wife were continually bickering over the Party and what [redacted] and that as a result of her Communist affiliations and beliefs [redacted]

At this

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point the informant advised that to his knowledge his wife was the only member of her family who was a CP member or a believer in their policy. He pointed out at this time that she [redacted] at Miami, Florida.

According to the informant, the Abraham Lincoln Branch was formed and started operation in January of 1948 and at this time had approximately 52 members and that they held their meetings at the homes of various members. He advised that the headquarters for the Communist Party in Brooklyn is located at 66 Court Street and that his wife is presently Educational Director for this section and is employed there at the present time; that she and her mother are now residing at [redacted] in Brooklyn. At this time the informant stated that his former wife is an intelligent girl and she was graduated from Barnard College, the Women's Section of Columbia. b7D

According to the informant his wife was a friend of JUDITH COPLON and that JUDITH COPLON was in his home in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn in 1948 and at this time he claims COPLON was an organizer for the Communist Party, but he did not know which branch she was directly affiliated with. He stated that the Executive Branch of the Abraham Lincoln group met at the homes of various members and when it was time to hold the meeting at his house, he would refuse to leave the premises and would listen to the goings-on. He stated that in 1948 he attended meetings at his home when they were held there at which time his former wife was President of the Executive Branch of the Abraham Lincoln group; that LOUIS BADER was Vice President; his wife, DOROTHY BADER, Educational Director and, according to the informant, JUDITH COPLON came as an officer of another branch. She was not, according to the informant, a member of the Abraham Lincoln group. He pointed out that if she were not a member of some branch of the Party, she could not or would not have been admitted to these gatherings.

It was the informant's opinion that JUDITH COPLON was an organizer for the Party because she, according to him, always led the discussions and he claims that her pet expression was "This is the way the Party does it". From her activities at these gatherings the informant claims that he got the definite impression that she was a Party organizer from another branch and he claims he particularly noted that when she was introduced to others the introduction was always as "Miss COPLON, an organizer from another branch". The informant claims he never was able to ascertain the name of the other branch.

According to the informant, while he resided in the [redacted] section of Brooklyn between [redacted] four meetings [redacted] all four and he [redacted]

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claims that in two of these four JUDITH COPLOW attended. The informant advised that in addition to [redacted] he recalls the following individuals who attended at one time or another:

RITA CHUDNOVSKY, (since married, married name not known), a nurse; her sister, LILLIAN, who was not married at the time, but has since become married and he does not know her married name or the first name of her husband. Also, her sister, ELEANOR, a housewife, who was married at the time. He claims that ELEANOR's husband and ELEANOR [redacted] and that her husband was a contractor. He did not know her married name. He added that LILLIAN CHUDNOVSKY works for a music publishing house and he was not positive whether it was she personally or the publishing house which wrote part of the musical score for "Home of the Brave".

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LOUIS SEGAL, a lawyer, 66 Court Street.

Dr. MAX KOVACK, a bone specialist, with offices, Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue in Brooklyn.

ESTELLE MANDELL, who was single and who was secretary for Attorney SEGAL. She resided in the only house on Hooper and South First Street in Brooklyn. The informant claims her parents did not attend these meetings but are reportedly Communist sympathizers; that her father, HERBERT or HARRY MANDELL, was President of an IWO branch in either Brooklyn or New York. He advised that her mother's name was MOLLY.

PEARL MANDELL, ESTELLE's sister, who in 1946 was going to Brooklyn College and was an organizer for the AYD at this institution. He advised that the MANDELL family were members of the Abraham Lincoln group but not of the Executive Branch of the group. At this time he advised that the group was broken up into adult and youth groups; that the adult group was over 21 years of age and the youth group under 21. He claims that at the meetings [redacted] the same individuals made their appearances.

Informant claims that in [redacted] when there was a March on Albany to protest a matter he could not recall at this time that [redacted] was in this gathering along with 30 others from the neighborhoods of Brooklyn, all of whom were working for the interest of the Communist Party. He recalls the following as being in this group: LOUIS KLEIN, who resides at 206 Brighton Fourth Street and who, according to the informant, is an organizer for the Bedford Sturtevant section in Brooklyn and, according to the informant, is employed by the Loew's Theater chain. Also, LOUIS ROSEN, ex-manager of Loew's State Theater, now employed by the same or-

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ganization in their executive offices in New York City. The informant claims that [redacted]

[redacted] with LOUIS ROSEN. He claims that ROSEN approached him for contributions for the Communist Party. He further advised that ROSEN had a son whose name he could not recall who served with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain.

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According to the informant the dues were paid by the members at these various meetings and that dues were paid according to what the individual was making. He claims that he actually saw the dues [redacted] He further claims that he positively saw JUDITH COPLON's Communist Party card when [redacted] to identify herself for the benefit of other members. According to the informant, JUDITH COPLON produced a blue Communist Party membership card.

He claims that he blames their marital difficulties on his wife's affiliation with the Communist Party entirely; that he has told her that he would be willing to try a reconciliation if she would sever her connections with the Party.

In addition, the informant advised that one BEA ROSEN married an IRVING DAVIS and that DAVIS works for the main Post Office in New York City; that he has also [redacted] and that the DAVIS family resided at Albany Avenue and Lincoln Place and that they operated a candy store at this address.

The informant advised that in August of 1949 he was advised that his wife was at Camp Unity at Wingdale, New York. He stated that he went to this camp to see if she was still a member of the Communist Party and also to see if she would return to him if she would renounce her Party affiliations. He advised that he remained at this camp approximately one week; that his former wife's only conversation with him was to say hello when they met on the grounds. He advised that [redacted] SECAL, DOROTHY and LOUIS BADER, alias COHEN, were also there and the day [redacted] RITA and LILLIAN CHUDNOVSKY arrived. In addition, he stated that PAUL ROBESON was at the camp during this period and that ROBESON's son and his son's wife were working at the camp as waiters.

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He further advised that the previously mentioned BEA ROSEN DAVIS and IRVING DAVIS were also at Camp Unity during this time. The informant advised that he recalled that the following individuals [redacted] and were members of the Communist Party, but were not members of the Executive Branch: LOUIS STEIN, who resides at Grand Avenue and Keep Street, who works for Local 865, Warehouse and Distributors Union, CIO, 13 Astor Place; AL OVERLANDER, collector for Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, an ex-GI, who re-

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sides at Vansicklen Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard; ROBERT HIRSH, an ex-GI, whose sister is a teacher at Brooklyn College, who works for the IRT Interborough Rapid Transit and who also resides on Vansicklen Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard; MURRAY BRODSKY, who resides on Lincoln Place and Utica Avenue and who, according to the informant, works for the government. According to the informant [redacted]

[redacted] These meetings dealt with Communist Party affairs and, in addition, the informant advised that this individual gave him Communist Party literature and told him what type of literature he should read. Informant claims that this individual was also at Camp Unity in August of 1949. Also, MANUEL ROSENBLATT, who resides at Albany and St. Mark's Street and operates Rosenblatt's Hand Laundry. Also, SELMA CHAKIEN or CHARKIN, who is secretary to an executive in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at one Madison Avenue, New York City and who resides at 312 Madison Avenue, New York City. In addition to being a Party member, the informant claims that this individual was also at Camp Unity. b7D

In conclusion, the informant reiterated his statement that he [redacted]

[redacted] in the Communist Party. The informant flatly stated that he would be willing to testify in court that the individuals he has mentioned were actual and active members of the Communist Party.

In view of the fact that the reliability of this informant is unknown, it is suggested that the New York Office check their indices relative to the individuals and information furnished by this informant to ascertain if the information he has furnished is accurate or of value to the New York Office.

The New York Office should immediately check their indices relative to IRVING DAVIS who, according to the informant, is a Party member and employed by the United States Post Office, and MURRAY BRODSKY, also, according to the informant, a member of the Party and a government worker to ascertain if there is any information concerning their Communist Party affiliations. It is further suggested that the New York Office ascertain if these individuals, who are allegedly CP members, are actually employed by the United States Government as inferred by the informant. If DAVIS and BRODSKY are actually government employees and have Communist affiliations or connections, this information should be immediately furnished to the Bureau.

For the information of the New York Office, although the reliability of this informant is unknown, the information contained herein was freely and voluntarily furnished by him. The New York Office, if the information contained herein proves accurate, should give consideration to attempting

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to develop this individual as an informant upon his release from the Federal Correctional Institution, it being noted that he claims the information is accurate and has voluntarily stated that he would be willing to testify to such.

Director, FBI

April 17, 1950

SAC, New York

RESEARCH

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Rebulet 4/12/50 to Mr. John F. Hennessey, 1106 Municipal Building, Brooklyn, New York, a copy of which to the New York Office contained instructions for this office to immediately contact Mr. Hennessey and furnish him with the substance of the biographical sketches on ALVIN and LORRAINE BINDERBRAND found in possession of JUDITH COPLON and made public in COPLON'S trials.

It was also requested that Mr. Hennessey be furnished with certain admissions made by the BINDERBRANDS upon their interviews and further, that Mr. Hennessey be advised that the FBI files contained no other information on the BINDERBRANDS.

Mr. Hennessey was contacted on April 14, 1950, and orally furnished the information mentioned in reference letter, at which time he was advised that this was being done on a strictly confidential basis. Mr. Hennessey said that he understood this and appreciated the FBI's cooperation in this matter.

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For
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ADMINISTRATIVE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Central files, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C., failed to reflect any information concerning CONSTANT JEAN GREUX.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the United States Coast Guard, 1300 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., were checked by Special Employee MELVIN L. MONTGOMERY, who advised that no record was available in the central files under the name, CONSTANT JEAN GREUX.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that COPLON was acquainted with an individual named JEAN CONSTANT, who was in 1949 possibly employed, or residing, at the Le Cordon Bleu Restaurant, Box 414, Dania, Florida.

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MIAMI OFFICE

At Dania, Florida: Will make inquiry at the Le Cordon Bleu Restaurant, Box 414, in an effort to locate JEAN CONSTANT.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

T-1: Anonymous

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT W. WISEMAN dated March 22, 1950,
at Miami.



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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JUDITH COPLON

Subject's Name and Aliases

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JIM SAULLO

Name of Complainant

1128-44th St. Bklyn.

Address of Complainant

Bedway 8-4566

Telephone Number of Complainant

1:55 P.M. 4/22/50

Date and Time Complaint Received

Address of Subject

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Character of Case

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Informant, who stated he has worked with SA George McKenna in connection with the Socialist Workers Party (Protokijites) advised that while in connection with a conversation with his employer he learned that subject had purchased an unusual quantity of lingerie at LOEHMANN'S, 1476 Bedford Ave., Bklyn. Indices contain several references to informant in 100-4013 (Soc. Work. Party file)

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

Advise SA T. Scott Miller.

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S. J. Gradowski

Special Agent
FBI - NEW YORK
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#5 Miller

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Date: 4-19-50

Information Requested Concerning:

~~Q~~ Doris Sevier

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New York
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MEMORANDUM:

RE: ADVIN SINDERBRAND

On May 2, 1950, Mr. John F. Hennessy, Secretary, Committee on Character and Fitness, Supreme Court Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, 1105 Municipal Building, Brooklyn 2, N.Y., telephone Ma.5-2214, called on me. He said that some weeks ago he had requested information on a confidential basis regarding Sinderbrand. This request was directed to the Attorney General with a copy to the FBI. He said that the Attorney General had first written declining to furnish the information, whereupon he had written back to the Attorney General expressing surprise and referring to a previous communication from the Attorney General indicating that it was the policy of the Attorney General to cooperate with him. Shortly thereafter an Agent called on him and orally furnished him pertinent information.

Yesterday he received a telephone call from Peyton Ford of the Department in which he indicated that they preferred to handle the information furnished to him informally and that he should keep in touch with the New York office of the FBI for the information desired by him. This telephone call from Mr. Ford raised a question in Mr. Hennessy's mind as to whether additional information was available at this time besides that which the Agent previously furnished to him. I told him that I did not think this was the case and that I was of the opinion that all pertinent information has already been furnished to him. However, I advised that I would specifically check this again and would telephone him back about this later.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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JEAN CONSTANT unknown at Le Cordon Blew Restaurant, Dania, Florida.

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DETAILS:

AT DANIA, FLORIDA

Mrs. THERESE LAUDER, Owner, and Mr. ARTHUR KAR, Manager, La Cordon Blew Restaurant, stated no one named **JEAN CONSTANT** ever worked or resided at this restaurant.

AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

Mr. FRANK CLENEAY, Auditor, Morse Arcade, who handles records for the Le Cordon Blew Restaurant, made a detailed search of his records, and advised no one named **JEAN CONSTANT** ever worked for this restaurant.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 65-58365.
Report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, dated 4-12-50
at Washington Field.

New York, N.Y.
May 15, 1950

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
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I called Mr. Belmont at the Bureau this morning and
furnished him the contents of the attached clipping.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

RRG:AG

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: May 18, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Bureau file 65-58365

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Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum of February 28, 1950, to the New York Office regarding Maurice Borst, 73 Warrington Crescent, Haida Vale, London W. 9, which appeared in Judith Coplon's address book. As set forth in the referenced memorandum, a confidential foreign source advised that Marinus Borst, who uses the name of Maurice Borst, was born on September 6, 1914, at Amsterdam, Holland, of Dutch parents. He was taken by his parents to England at the age of six and became a naturalized British citizen in April, 1948. He was convicted and sentenced to six months in May, 1940, as an alien for being in a protected area. He served in the Army for four months in 1944 and was discharged as physically unfit. After July, 1946, he was employed as a boot and shoe salesman in London, England. A confidential foreign source advised that there was a record of a Borst who had applied for membership in the British Communist Party in July, 1936, but it was not certain that this was Maurice Borst.

Additional information has been received from the confidential foreign source to the effect that Borst left England on June 22, 1949, and that there was no record of his reregistration upon his return to England. The source stated that it was not known where he is at the present time but thought that he might possibly have come to the United States.

The Washington Field Office should check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in order to ascertain if Borst did enter the United States. If so, a lead should be set out to determine his present whereabouts.

cc - Washington Field

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MEMORANDUM

During the Intelligence Conference on May 25, 1950 Colonel James P. Pearson of the Army inquired as to whether this office had any derogatory information concerning the fiancée of JUDITH COPLON. He is an officer in the Army Reserve.

I told Colonel Pearson we would call him regarding this.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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a/c H. Socolov
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Miss Gandy

At the suggestion of Supervisor R.R. Granville the Bureau was advised by telephone at 10:15 p.m. that early editions of the News and Mirror reported that Coplon and her attorney Socolov were married today at her mother's apartment at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, by Rabbi Max Felshin. The papers did not give the address where they will reside.

Bureau Supervisor A.J. Norstrom was also informed that a radio news broadcast which touched on the subject also credited the rabbi performing the ceremony with a statement attesting to his belief of Coplon's innocence. He was informed the papers did not mention this observation.

H.L. Gillespie, SA

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United States Department of Justice

May 29, 1950

MEMO

Judith Coplon

RE: ALBERT H. SOCOLOV
SECURITY MATTER - C

A check of the indices reflects only one reference to ALBERT H. SOCOLOV. This is a report of the Washington Field dated 4/2/48 on the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD-INTERNAL SECURITY-C. ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, 506 Court St., Brooklyn, N.Y., is listed as a member of the New York Chapter for year 1946-1947.

Our files also reflect that we have an ONI flimsy dated 9/29/42 with ONI file X37443. The flimsy is captioned "Mrs. B. Socolov, 506 Court Street, Brooklyn." There is no other information on the flimsy.

It should be noted that Mrs. B. Socolov and ALBERT H. SOCOLOV have the same address.

WILLIAM J. MCCARTHY

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Col Pearson advised.
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United States Department of Justice**

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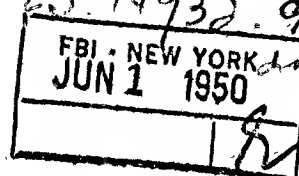
RE: ~~JUDITH COPLON~~
~~ESPIONAGE - R~~

KENNETH WILSON, supervisor of the Town of Woodstock, advised the above captioned subject and her husband were presently honeymooning in that village and had been staying for the past day or so at a boarding house operated by a Mr. KATSIS, located on Tannery Brook Road, Woodstock.

Mr. WILSON advised that the subject and her husband left the above address on this date for another place on the Bearsville Road and he would endeavor to determine the people with whom the subject was staying and advise.

LOUIS P. HURLEY, JR.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

-----NEW YORK, N.Y.
JUNE 2, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU...URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. UPON BEING INTERVIEWED ON ANOTHER MATTER

J. B. MATTHEWS ADVISED THAT IN A FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE THERE WILL APPEAR AN ARTICLE RELATING TO JUDITH COPLON. HE SAID HE FELT THIS ARTICLE WAS FAVORABLE TO COPLON AFTER HAVING REVIEWED IT AND ATTEMPTING TO KILL IT WITHOUT SUCCESS. JUNE ISSUE OF COSMOPOLITAN REVIEWED AND NO ARTICLE APPEARS SUCH AS DESCRIBED BY MATTHEWS. JULY ISSUE WILL BE REVIEWED UPON ITS APPEARANCE ON STANDS AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED. DURING INTERVIEW MATTHEWS ALSO MENTIONED THAT JOHN KELLEY HAD APPARENTLY TOLD ONE OF MATTHEWS' ACQUAINTANCES THAT HE, KELLEY, THOUGHT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF REVERSIBLE ERROR IN THE WASHINGTON TRIAL OF COPLON. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEERED NO FURTHER INFO ON THIS AND IT WAS NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO PRESS HIM FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR ELABORATION OF HIS REMARK.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Per Rea

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New York, New York
June 7, 1950

Memorandum

Re: VALENTIN GUBITCHEV;
JUDITH COPLON;
Espionage - R.

On June 7, 1950, the attached memorandum was furnished the writer by Lieutenant THOMAS CRANE, Bureau of Special Service and Investigations, New York City Police Department.

A. J. Nicks
Special Agent

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Ptl. Frank David, #18246-24th Pct., hack patrolman, reports through Lt. Thomas Curley, commanding 24th Sq.Dets., that at premises 64 W. 108th St., apt. 3-A, which was the residence of Judy Coplon's associate, who, after conviction, was deported to Russia, Russians frequently congregate.

Also, in apt. 6-D, same address, occupants named Seileo, there are frequent meetings of Communists, both white and negro, particularly on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Kingston N.Y.
June 6, 1950.

MEMO:

Re: Judith Coplon
Espionage - R

Grant Elwyn, Town Clerk at Woodstock N.Y. advised that the above captioned subject and her new husband stayed the latter part of last week at the rooming house of Frederick and Ada Penninger, Bearsville Rd. in that Village. They left for NYC on Sunday 6-4-50.

While in Woodstock N.Y. subject and her husband dined publicly at Deanie's, a good local restaurant, with Philip and Margaret Fitz Patrick of Chazy Mt. Rd. and with Armand Blanch and his wife. The Blanch's are prominent artists and illustrators, and the Fitz Patrick's are writers.

It is recommended that these latter names be indexed.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-6-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-23-50	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS A. MENDENHALL nek
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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INS files Washington, D.C. reflect MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST, known as MAURICE BORST, born September 6, 1914, Amsterdam, Netherlands, arrived in U. S. at port of New York on June 28, 1949, aboard the SS Queen Elizabeth under A Netherlands Immigration Quota Visa traveling on British Passport #856009. BORST listed his address as of September 27, 1949, as 44 West 69th Street, New York City; employment Delman, Inc., 741 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., contain in file Number A7-225-800 an Application for Immigration Visa and Alien Registration form No. I-700690 filed March 21, 1949, at London, England, in which BORST furnished his full and true name as MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST, now known as MAURICE BORST. This form reflects that he was born September 6, 1914, at Amsterdam, Netherlands; that he was of the Dutch Race; and that he possessed British nationality. His father's name was given as MARINUS JACOBUS JOHANNES BORST, mother - JENTJE BORST,

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nee NIJHUIS. His parents' address was listed as 2 Sunny Corner Scarthoe, Lincolnshire, England. BORST'S description was furnished as: Hair - brown, eyes - gray, height - 5' 11 3/4", complexion - medium, marital status - single, marks - scar on left eyebrow.

This Visa Application reflected that BORST had not previously been in the United States and that his final destination was New York City. He reportedly resided in The Netherlands from birth to 1920, and in Great Britain since that time. He listed his port of embarkation as "Port in U. K." and stated that he was uncertain as to the port where he intended entering the United States. He indicated that he paid his own passage; that he intended joining no friend or relative; and that his address was to be care of 647 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He stated that he had no close relatives in the United States; that his purpose in coming to the United States was "to reside"; and that he was uncertain as to what his occupation and activities in the United States were to be. He expressed his intention of remaining permanently in the United States. He listed his education as "Junior high school".

BORST arrived in the United States at New York City on June 28, 1949, aboard the SS Queen Elizabeth under The Netherlands Quota bearing Immigration Visa #98 and classified as a Quota Immigrant. He was issued British Passport #856009 by the British Foreign Office at London, England, on April 12, 1948.

Attached to the Visa Application was a copy of an Amsterdam Birth Certificate dated April 4, 1949, verifying the birth date and the name of his parents. There is also attached a Medical Examination form.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service file on BORST also contains an address record card dated September 27, 1949, sent by BORST in which he furnished his address as 44 West 69th Street, New York City. His employment was listed as Delman, Inc., 741 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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An A. R. Card mailed to BORST at 649 Fifth Avenue by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on August 23, 1949, was returned marked "not at address given". This A. R. Card was remailed on February 13, 1950, to 44 West 69th Street, New York, New York, and was not returned.

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REFERENCE: New York letter to the Director dated May 18, 1950.

DIRECTOR, FBI

June 22, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On this date, argument on defendant's motion for a new trial was heard in the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia before Judge ALBERT REEVES, who presided in the Washington trial of this case. In the course of the hearing, Judge REEVES mentioned that he was here at the request of the Court of Appeals to hear and rule on this motion. He indicated that his commitments were very heavy and he was interested in disposing of the matter as early as possible. For both reasons, he did not desire postponement or delay and indicated he would not consider putting off the taking of testimony until Fall, should such a course become necessary as a result of his rulings.

Attorneys RAYMOND P. WHEARTY and JOHN KELLEY represented the Government. LEONARD B. BOUDIN of the New York Bar and MAX L. ROSENSTEIN, local Counsel of Record, appeared on behalf of COPLON. ROSENSTEIN immediately requested the court to permit his absence in favor of BOUDIN who would make the argument and indicated that he ultimately desired to withdraw as Counsel of Record. Government Counsel objected to this on the grounds of rule of court requiring presence of local counsel. Judge REEVES ruled that ROSENSTEIN might absent himself on this date, but would remain as Counsel of Record for the present and be available in the event his services were desired or became necessary.

(1) Attorney BOUDIN began argument by stating that his motion was based upon newly discovered evidence which reflected misconduct on the part of the prosecution during the trial coupled with evidence of unlawful interceptions of telephone conversations between the defendant and others prior to, during, and subsequent to the trial of instant case. These telephone conversations included those between the defendant and her counsel which constitute a most aggravated violation. He named the following specifically as rights infringed: (a) That the wire tapping evidence developed since the trial in Washington had infringed the untrammelled right of an accused person to the free right of counsel under the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution; (b) That the evidence of wire tapping throughout this case had violated the defendant's

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right to a fair trial guaranteed her by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution; (c) That the wire tapping proven and admitted in this case constituted a felonious action on the part of Government Agents and was a direct violation of Section 605 of the Federal Communications Act.

BOUDIN, throughout his argument contended that the investigation of COPLON and the prosecution was the direct result of wire tapping and based upon information secured from this source. Throughout the argument, he sought greatly to show that this conclusion was inevitable from the reports examined in the case and indicated that Judge RYAN in New York had reached the same conclusion. BOUDIN also urged the court to grant a retrial on the theory that the court had been deliberately misled by the prosecution through prejudicial misconduct on the part of counsel in withholding knowledge of wire tapping, by perjury of witnesses in connection with wire tapping knowledge and by subsequent destruction of records of wire tapping.

In his argument, BOUDIN alleged that the wire tapping had occurred at three installations, including a microphone on her office desk, as follows: January 6, 1949 - March 19, 1949, at her local address, McLean Gardens; January 25, 1949 - March 12, 1949, at her office, Department of Justice and February 1, 1949 - May 2, 1949, and July 12, 1949 - November 10, 1949, at her New York home. During the time, some 46 monitors were engaged in the violation of law over the period covering from January to December 1949.

BOUDIN particularly stressed that the surveillances on the three trips to New York were based upon information secured through wire taps and that the Government was informed of her plans in advance of each trip. He read a teletype from SAC EDWARD SCHEIDT, New York, to the Director advising of a conversation between COPLON and her mother on February 27, 1949, in which she indicated she would visit New York on March 4, 1949, in which Washington Field Office was requested to surveil COPLON to New York as before, and New York would do the same. He pointed out that the information of this visit, attributed to WILLIAM FOLEY, Department of Justice, was not communicated to the Government until March 3, 1949. BOUDIN, in his argument, charged the Government with wholesale concealment of information relating to wire

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tapping and made particular reference to arguments of Government Attorney KELLEY with ARCHIBALD PALMER, in which KELLEY characterized PALMER'S efforts to examine Agents on the legitimate subject of wire tapping as "fishing expedition" and as based on "mere speculation and belief."

BOUDIN contended that PALMER'S queries were proper and legal in any event and subsequent disclosures have proven that they were justified and that the Government's specific knowledge amounted to fraud on the court. He stressed the high duty of Government attorneys and their responsibility to inform the court of the illegality of any evidence secured. He particularly referred to the testimony of Agent BRENNAN in New York as entirely inconsistent with that given before the court in Washington. He also made reference to Agent SCOTT MILLER as liaison between FBI and Department of Justice attorneys and alleged that he had evaded answering truthfully.

BOUDIN declared that the wire tap which permeated this case throughout was cumulative in effect and even entered into the Government's argument to the Jury when MR. WHEARTY contended to the Jury that the insistent belief of COPLON of the existence of wire tapping was a "consciousness of guilt." BOUDIN then made reference to the case of SACCO VANZETTI where the doctrine of consciousness of guilt appeared.

BOUDIN also read to the court a memorandum from Inspector HOWARD B. FLETCHER, to MR. D. M. LADD, dated November 7, 1949, [redacted] in which reference was made to information regarding COPLON received since her trial. In this memorandum it was recommended that the records be destroyed and, thereafter, this memorandum be destroyed. He also commented on the destruction of disks and written records following the District trial.

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With further reference to guilty knowledge of wire tapping on the part of Government counsel, BOUDIN contended that a reading of the reports which WHEARTY, at least, had admitted precluded denial that they were aware of wire tapping as it was obvious to anyone reading the reports; however, he contended that it made no difference and that the Government could not be relieved because of the lack of knowledge of the Government counsel.

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He also, in this connection, stated it was inconceivable that Agent MILLER did not know about the wire tapping and that duty required that he not remain silent in the face of the arguments and objections on the subject before the court during the trial. During this portion of his argument, BOUDIN listed nine Agents having knowledge of wire tapping, according to developments brought out in New York retrial hearing.

(2) BOUDIN argued as his second point that the data slips found in the possession of COPLON upon her arrest should not have been admissible as evidence against her. He stated that "Our analysis shows that the reports themselves were based on wire tapping" and argued that this fact vitiated them as admissible evidence. He contended that this is a question of admissibility of evidence and that Section 605 of the Communications Act makes them incompetent as evidence. He admitted that the case, U. S. vs. GOLDSTEIN, makes some inroads into the decision in the Nardone case, but still contends that the Communications Act made this evidence inadmissible.

(3) BOUDIN argued as his third point the question of the legality of defendant's arrest, contending that the arrest without warrant failed to comply with the terms of the statute authorizing such arrest in that there was no likelihood of escape. BOUDIN again referred to the illegal wire tapping in this connection, pointing out that through this source and other investigative efforts, the Government was aware of all of the habits, movements and plans of COPLON which made escape by her most improbable and that a warrant should have been obtained.

(4) BOUDIN made argument on the question of lawfulness of possession of official papers by the defendant, pointing out that the original New York indictment alleged that on March 4, 1949, she was legally in possession of certain documents, records, etc., and, thereafter, unlawfully disposed of them, whereas copies of the indictment furnished to various interested parties described her as in illegal possession. During the argument, Judge REEVES recalled that neither wording was involved in the indictment in Washington, and that the argument did not appear relevant. Mr. WHEARTY later advised this Agent that the argument appeared to have no merit whatever and stated as he recalled, when copies of the original indictment were typed up for distribution, an error had been made and the wording unlawfully in possession of the papers was set forth.

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In concluding, BOUDIN declared that this case illustrates the interrelated evils which follow an illegal act on the part of Government officials. He repeated the four points of his argument and declared that if all the facts were available, the Court of Appeals would have reversed the case. He urged a post-trial hearing in the event that favorable decision by the court is not granted on his motion. He stated that he would desire to take testimony and question some of the witnesses with the idea of bringing out some matters not heretofore covered.

Attorney JOHN KELLEY argued for the Government. He advised the court that he had submitted a lengthy memorandum setting forth, as the court knows, that this case was not based on wire tapping. He stated that Attorney BOUDIN had made a great number of broad general allegations of wire tapping, but has not specifically pointed to any single bit of convicting testimony which was vitiated by wire tapping and that there was only a single such instance susceptible of such interpretation. He mentioned that in connection with COPLON'S trips to New York, the FBI had advance knowledge of her intentions to visit New York, but that in each instance the same information was furnished by her superior, WILLIAM FOLEY, whom she contacted in each instance for permission to leave her employment early. He mentioned that Judge RYAN in New York had held that this evidence was legal and admissible apart from the wire tapping aspects.

Attorney KELLEY argued that BOUDIN had misled the court in argument that the original source of this investigation was wire tapping. He stated that this was not shown by any evidence but was an assumption of counsel and one that had built up. He stated that Judge RYAN had not concluded that this was true, but for argumentary purposes had assumed it to be true and then ruled that it made no difference and that if it were true it did not create any immunity for the defendant.

KELLEY also stated that Judge RYAN had held that COPLON cannot be protected but argued that information in the data slips which she was charged with unlawfully disposing of, contained information secured through wire tapping. KELLEY contended that the primary question in a motion of this kind is whether substantial justice has been done and declared that two courts and two juries

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had found COPLON guilty. He quoted liberally from a statement by Judge RYAN as to the nature of the guilt and crime of COPLON.

Judge REEVES indicated that he was staying at the Jefferson Hotel. At the conclusion of arguments, he suggested that Attorney BOUDIN review the Government's memorandum and if he had any further arguments to make in writing to mail them to the court by special delivery by Saturday. Judge REEVES will be ready to make his decision on Monday morning and in the event he should rule that further testimony is needed, taking of testimony will begin on Tuesday morning.

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Director, FBI

June 26, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
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On this date, Judge ALBERT REEVES, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, overruled the defendant's motion for a new trial.

He stated that there was no specific information that any testimony was the result of wire tapping. He said it may be conceivable that agents did wire tapping during January, February and March, 1949 but there was no proof that testimony was based on the wire tapping.

In connection with defendant's argument that surveillances on three trips to New York were based upon information secured from wire taps, he pointed out that the information was also secured from defendant's superior. According to Judge REEVES, if information is obtained illegally it does not make the same information obtained legally inadmissible.

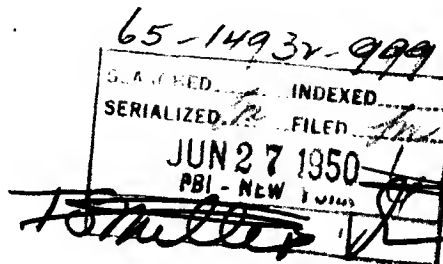
In answer to defendant's argument as to the question of the legality of defendant's arrest, Judge REEVES stated that agents are empowered to make an arrest when the defendant was believed to be committing a felony.

In reference to the contention that the wire tapping constituted a felonious action on the part of the government and was a direct violation of the Federal Communications Act, Judge REEVES stated that the law was never intended to impair police officers.

He concluded that defendant had not specifically brought forth any evidence that convicting testimony was based on wire tapping. He therefore overruled defendant's motion for a new trial.

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cc - New York



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New York, N. Y.
6/30/50

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

I called Inspector Carl Hennrich of the Bureau at 1:00 P. M. today and advised him that sometime ago that we had mentioned to the Bureau that a forthcoming issue of Cosmopolitan magazine would carry an article on JUDITH COPLON. I told him the July issue of Cosmopolitan contains this article, starting on page 37 and continuing. I suggested the Bureau immediately obtain copy of the article. Inspector Hennrich said they would do this.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD DASH IS DASH C. C DASH SIX THREE NINE ADVISED JULY SEVEN THAT THE SECRETARY OF ABRAHAM POMERANTZ ADVISED ROBERT J. SILBERSTEIN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THAT POMERANTZ COULD NOT RELEASE THE RECORD OF THE SECOND COPLON TRIAL AS HE WAS TO BEGIN A STUDY OF FBI WIRE TAPPING HIMSELF. POMERANTZ HAD CONTACTED MR. KELLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPY. KELLY AGREED TO ALLOW POMERANTZ OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPY BUT ONLY IN KELLY-S OFFICE. IT WAS SUGGESTED SILBERSTEIN SEND SOMEONE FROM GUILD TO KELLY, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS COMING FROM POMERANTZ AND USE JUSTICE COPY TO PREPARE GUILD REPORT. SILBERSTEIN INDICATED THIS MIGHT NOT BE PRACTICAL AS GUILD STUDY WOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS. SILBERSTEIN THEN CONTACTED JOSEPH FAVER, WHO REFUSED TO GO TO NEW YORK TO MAKE STUDY IN POMERANTZ OFFICE.

SILBERSTEIN WILL MAKE FURTHER ATTEMPT TO GET RECORD FROM POMERANTZ.

*1 AS rec'd 7/13/50 - request status of
and back 7/14/50 advance care as to
whether who would return in 2 weeks and
advise Bureau of further steps, if any to be taken.*

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 OFFICE OF ABRAHAM POMERANTZ IN NY RELATIVE TO BORROWING THE RECORD OF
 THE SECOND TRIAL OF JUDITH COPLON FOR A STUDY OF FBI WIRE TAPPING
 WHICH IS TO BE WRITTEN BY JOSEPH FORER BEFORE AUGUST FIFTEEN.
 POMERANTZ-S SECRETARY ADVISED IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE ENTIRE
 RECORD AS TESTIMONY OF BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT
 RECORD. SHE ALSO ADVISED POMERANTZ IS PREPARING A STUDY OF
 WIRETAPPING FROM THIS RECORD HIMSELF. SILBERSTEIN WILL BE NOTIFIED
 IMMEDIATELY WHETHER POMERANTZ WILL LET THE GUILD HAVE THE RECORD.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, IS-C. C SIX THREE NINE ADVISED JULY ELEVEN, LAST, THAT ABRAHAM POMERANTZ TOLD ROBERT J. SILBERSTEIN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, THAT HE WAS USING HIS COPY OF THE RECORD OF THE SECOND TRIAL OF JUDITH COPLON. POMERANTZ SAID HE WAS WORKING ON A BRIEF FOR JUDITH COPLON WITHOUT A FEE, THAT HE WAS WORKING ON THE WIRE TAPPING ANGLE, AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE HIM THREE OR FOUR WEEKS. LEONARD BOUDIN, COPLON-S ATTORNEY, IS ALSO WORKING ON THE BRIEF AT HIS OWN OFFICE. POMERANTZ LATER TOLD SILBERSTEIN THAT HE AND BOUDIN WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT SO THEY COULD BOTH USE ONE COPY OF THE TRIAL RECORD AND MAKE AVAILABLE ONE COPY FOR THE USE OF JOSEPH FORER TO WRITE THE FOLLOW UP ARTICLE TO THE GUILD-S REPORT ON THE FBI.

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Director, FBI

July 31, 1950

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to Bureau form 1A-8 requesting to be advised as to the status of this case.

This case is and has been assigned to SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., who has been handling the interviews of HARRY GOLD.

Agent Miller is presently on leave and will be back within two weeks. Upon his return appropriate review will be made of this file and a report will be submitted to the Bureau. In the interim the Bureau has been kept advised of any significant developments by teletype or letter.

By HZ

RRG:RMC *RRG:RMC*
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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(7-30-45)



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COMPLAINT FORM

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Agnes Robertson
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C.P.A. firm of
WINTERS, PICKARD, LEDERMAN
Subject's Name and Aliases *100-31551-57970-43*
25 West 43rd
Address of Subject *47-2681*
Espionage - R
Character of Case *100-61916-78.1*
100-47315-1312
65-7471-R.F.B.

Agnes Bell Robertson
Name of Complainant
St. George's Hotel
Address of Complainant
MA 4-5000
Telephone Number of Complainant
11:40 A 7-18-50
Date and Time Complaint Received

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:
100-26603-3226
65-1419-B-1-5/21/40

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: *Complainant recently discharged from subject firm.*
Claims some firms are preventing her from obtaining further employment. Claims all her trouble stems from remarks she made during recent coplon - Gubitcher Trial, when complainant stated to employer she thought government + FBI were doing a good job, the different members of the firm including are BETTY PICARD, another employee + sister of one of the senior partners, would state that it was because of her kind of people (complainants) that Judy was in all the trouble.

ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:
Place in coplon file (65-14932) for information

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Special Agent

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Agnes Bell Robertson
Complainant

Complainant states that members of the firm often made remarks that we must make every effort to destroy the Hitler Regime in America. Complainant states she has heard them say the FBI must be destroyed since it is a Gestapo, a new order ^{is} the hope of the country. Full names of the members of the firm are:

JOSEPH WINTERS - Home address not known

MURRAY PICARD, Home address, 1026 E. 8th Bklyn.

Herbert H. LEDERMAN, Home address not known

Complainant stated that Winters contributed financially to Judy's defense. Stated that Betty PICARD, sister of Murray Picard, who ~~is~~ supposedly is employed as a secretary actually makes around \$10,000 a year judging by clothes she wears & trips she takes to Europe each year. Stated that Betty PICARD attended the ~~a~~ recent wedding of Judy Coplon.

Agnes Bell Robertson
Complainant

Complainant stated also she was discharged on the day Judy was married and she firmly believes it was retaliation measure taken by the firm because of complainant's adherence to American way of life.

Complainant was thoroughly questioned regarding the Copson matter however the above is the only info she could furnish. She stated the members of the firm never let her see the firms books or the files of the firm. She stated also that meetings are held in the firms offices about 4 times a week and people attend these meetings who adhere to the so called new order.

Complainant acted at times very nervous during the interview however it is believed that she told a reliable story.

Director, FBI

September 15, 1950

SAC, New York

VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was.
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(Bufile 65-58388)

Enclosed herewith are copies of the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, dated September 15, 1950, at New York.

No review of the exhibits in this case was made for the purpose of determining their disposition. This was not done in view of the pending appeal by JUDITH COPLON of her Washington and New York convictions. Since the exhibits in the GUBITCHEV file are so closely related to those in the COPLON file, it is felt that nothing should be destroyed until the COPLON case is closed.

Accordingly, an administrative tickler will be set up to review the exhibits in the GUBITCHEV file to determine their disposition at such a time when the same is done in the COPLON case.

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cc: Washington Field (Encl.1)
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*Form O-1 ack'd.
10/17/50 - Rept. promised
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: October 13, 1950

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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MR. SCHEIDT
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The following is the content of a memorandum received from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice:

"As you know, the defendant in the above case has taken an appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from the judgment of conviction entered against her in the District Court for the Southern District of New York. It seems likely at the present time that the appeal will be argued this fall, possibly in November.

"One of the exhibits in the pre-trial hearing, Court's Ext. No. 62, consisted of all FBI reports in the Coplon case. The court examined these reports and turned them over to the Bureau with instructions to keep them available if they were again desired by it. It is suggested that Court's Ext. No. 62 should be available for immediate delivery to the Court of Appeals whenever necessary."

It is the Bureau's understanding that the reports referred to above have been segregated and are immediately available in your office in the event they are needed in connection with the appeal of Judith Coplon.

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Director, FBI

OCT 20 1950

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON, was;
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Enclosed are five copies of the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated OCT 20 1950 at New York.

Attention is called to the information set out in the Administrative section of this report and attributed to WILLIAM KURSHENOFF, who is an inmate in a federal institution.

Inasmuch as COPLON has been convicted twice for espionage it is not deemed advisable nor feasible to attempt to ascertain the veracity of KURSHENOFF'S statement that COPLON attended Communist Party meetings in Brooklyn, New York. However, the information furnished by KURSHENOFF is being utilized by this office in connection with Security Matter - C investigations.

For the above reason the information from KURSHENOFF is being set out in the Administrative section of the report.

Accordingly a copy of this report designated for the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York will not be given to him until November 6, 1950.

Should the Bureau desire that this information be made available to the United States Attorney's Office the last part of the report will be re-written.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE OCT 20 1950	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27; 10/5, 9, 17, 18/50	REPORT MADE BY T. SCOTT MILLER
TITLE CHANGED JUDITH COPLON, was: Judith Coplon Secolev, Mrs. Albert Secolev			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>On 5/28/50 COPLON was married to ALBERT H. SECOLEV, Attorney in firm Benburger, Shapiro, Rabinowitz & Boudin. COPLON presently residing 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Unable to locate MAURICE BORST, whose name was found in COPLON'S address book.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The title of this case is being marked changed so as to include COPLON'S married names of JUDITH COPLON SECOLEV, and Mrs. ALBERT SECOLEV as set forth in the details of this report.</p> <p><u>At New York, New York</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u></p> <p>The New York "Herald Tribune" newspaper for May 29, 1950 carried an article on the marriage of JUDITH COPLON to ALBERT H. SECOLEV. The article stated that COPLON and SECOLEV were married the previous day, May 28, 1950, at the</p>			
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home of COPLON's mother, Mrs. JESSICA COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. It was indicated that SGOOLOV's brother, whose name was not announced, was the best man, and Mrs. MIRIAM BERTMAN COPLON, JUDITH'S sister-in-law was the matron of honor. It was further indicated that after a honeymoon in the Southern district of New York the two would live in a three room apartment in Brooklyn.

The article stated that SGOOLOV was an attorney with the firm Neuburger, Shapiro, Rabinowitz & Boudin, 76 Beaver Street, New York City.

It will be recalled that SAMUEL NEUBURGER and LEONARD BOUDIN of the above firm together with SIDNEY BERMAN are the attorneys of record for COPLON in connection with her trial and pending appeal.

The New York "Times" newspaper of May 15, 1950 carried an article on the coming marriage of JUDITH COPLON. This article stated that ALBERT H. SGOOLOV, 29 years of age, was a Lieutenant with the Combat Engineers in World War II. It was indicated that he was graduated from Boy's High School, Brooklyn, New York, in 1936 and was subsequently graduated from Ohio State University in 1942. In 1948 he was graduated from the New York University Law School.

Honorable IRVING R. SAYPOL, United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised the writer that his office ascertained from LEONARD BOUDIN that COPLON's present address is 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, stated that ALBERT H. SGOOLOV of 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, was a student member of the New York Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and had paid his dues through the fiscal year of 1946 to 1947.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, stated that the Communist Party considers the National Lawyers Guild to be a working ally.

It will be recalled that when COPLON was released on bail in March, 1950 her brother, BERTMAN COPLON, gave COPLON's bail with a \$20,000 check which had been refunded him in connection with COPLON's previous bail, together with \$20,000 in cash.

Confidential Informant T-3 and T-4, both of known reliability, stated that it was impossible to trace the cash furnished by BERTMAN COPLON because

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in the most part the bills were too old or were issued to New York City banks and therefore no records were kept of these.

CONTACTS

It will be recalled that the address book of JUDITH COPSON which was seized at the time she was apprehended, March 4, 1949, contained the names DOROTHY FLAGO LEST and ANNE SCHWIMMER of Paris, France.

Confidential Informant A-5, of known reliability, advised that LEST was born December 12, 1894 at Jamestown, USA. She is of American nationality and is Directress of Reid Hall American University Women's Paris Centre, 4 Rue Chevreuse Paris, France.

The Informant stated that SCHWIMMER was born January 9, 1922 at Haiphong, Indo-China. He is an aircraft engineer of French nationality living at 3 (BIS) Place Street, Sulpice, Paris 6E, France.

The same Informant furnished the following information relative to MARINUS BORST, whose name and address of 73 Harrington Crescent, Side Vale London, W.9., appeared in CO. LEST's address book referred to above:

MARINUS BORST, who also uses the name of MAURICE BORST, was born September 6, 1914 in Amsterdam, Holland of Dutch parents. His parents brought him to the United Kingdom at the age of six and has lived there since then. He became a naturalized citizen in April, 1948. He is unmarried.

He was educated at Grimsby and came to London in 1932 where he became a traveler, warehouseman, storekeeper, clerk, and salesman respectively.

In May, 1945 he was convicted as an alien for being in a protected area and sentenced to six months imprisonment. He claimed not to know that he was in a protected area, and, according to the Informant, there was good reason to believe that contention.

He served in the Army for four months in 1944 and was discharged as physically unfit.

In July, 1944 he inquired from the British Home Office about the possibility of getting an Exit Permit as he expected to get a visa for America, but nothing seemed to have come of this.

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Since July, 1946 he has been employed as a boot and shoe salesman by Messrs. BROWN, Ltd., 16 Old Bond Street, London, W1 England.

The informant said that there was a record of a BROWN who applied for membership in the British Communist Party in July, 1936, but it was not certain that this BROWN was identical with MAURICE BROWN.

Subsequently T-5 advised the Bureau that BROWN left England on June 22, 1949 and that he might possibly have come to the United States.

The records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., as of May 20, 1950 in File Number 47-225-800 indicated that MAURICE BROWN, also known as JOHANNES MAURICE BROWN, entered the United States at New York City on June 26, 1949 on the SS OCEAN WILHELM under the Netherlands quota bearing Immigration Visa Number 98 and classified as a quota immigrant.

His latest address in the Immigration and Naturalization file was 44 West 69th Street, New York City, and his employment was listed as DEAN Incorporated, 741 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The personnel records of DEAN Incorporated, 741 Fifth Avenue, indicate that BROWN was employed there as a shoe salesman and quit in February, 1950. The records do not indicate any address subsequent to 44 West 69th Street. The record further indicated that his Social Security Number was 040-26-3326.

Mrs. MARY BARNETT, Superintendent at the rooming house located at 44 West 69th Street, advised that BROWN left New York City in the spring of 1950 and she had heard from someone that he had gone to Florida. She said that she did not know anything about BROWN and that BROWN left no forwarding address with her. She added that a friend of BROWN's whose name she did not know had been to the rooming house in the last several months and stated that BROWN and his former roommate, ARTHUR PERAZ, were living on 23rd or 24th Street at either the ICA or at London Terrace Apartments.

The records of the Ansonia Station, United States Post Office, 69th Street, and Broadway, had no forwarding address for either BROWN or PERAZ. This Post Office covers the above address where BROWN formerly resided.

The records of the ICA, 7th Avenue and 23rd Street, does not reflect a registration for BROWN or PERAZ in the past two years.

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Mrs. MARGARET MURKIN, Rental Agent, London Terrace Apartments, 9th Avenue and 24th Street, stated that there is no tenant of record in either the London Terrace Gardens or London Terrace Towers whose name is BOST or FUNKE.

The Credit Bureau of Greater New York has no record for either BOST or FUNKE.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, does not have a file on BOST.

None of the current New York Telephone Directories have any listing for BOST or FUNKE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 6, 1950, GRANT BART, Town Clerk, Woodstock, New York, advised SA JOHN P. BURNETT that JULIA CORSON and her husband stayed the latter part of the previous week at a boarding house owned by FREDERICK and ADA BURNINGER, Roseville Road, Woodstock, New York. They left for New York City on Sunday, June 4, 1950.

Mr. BURNETT stated that while in Woodstock, New York, CORSON and her husband publicly dined at Denny's, characterized by BURNETT as a good local restaurant with PHILIP and MARGARET FITZPATRICK, and with ARNOLD BLANCH and his wife. Mr. BURNETT stated that the BLANCHS are prominent artists and illustrators and the FITZPATRICKS are writers.

Various publications and letterheads maintained by the New York Office indicate that ARNOLD BLANCH of 30 East 14th Street was affiliated with the following organizations in the designated capacities:

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship,
Art Committee - Sponsor, 1944.

American Artists Congress Incorporated - National
Executive Committee - 1940.

Artists Front to Win the War - Sponsor - 1942

New Masses - Sponsor, at Awards Dinner, January 22, 1945.

Executive Order number 9835 of the Attorney General lists the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as a Communist front organization.

On page 1067, appendix 9, of the report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, listed a group of miscellaneous Communist and Communist front organizations, among these is the American Artists Congress.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that the Artists Front to Win the War was created for the purpose of organizing a rally at Carnegie Hall, New York City, which was held October 16, 1942.

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The informant advised that the organization was 100% a Communist affair and that numerous Communists attended. I-5 stated that the publicity photography for the meeting was furnished by the "Daily Worker" and the speeches were primarily devoted to the praise of the Soviet Union and Soviet Russia.

The publication "New Masses" was cited as a Communist front by the special Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.

Relative to MARGARET FITZPATRICK mentioned above on July 7, 1950 Mrs. DONIS GALAN and Miss FRANCES FERGUSON of Woodstock, New York, furnished to JOHN G. WILLIS the following information at Kingston, New York:

The two women stated that there was a group of individuals living in the vicinity of Woodstock, New York, who were Communists. They said that these individuals were Communists because they were constantly following the Communist Party line in their arguments. Among the women mentioned by these two women was Mrs. PHILIP FITZPATRICK, of New York City, mentioned above.

By letter dated April 10, 1950 the New Haven Office advised this office that while agents of that office were at the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, they were informed that one WILLIAM KUSHNAROFF, an inmate, NY #1953158 had information concerning Communist activity in Brooklyn, New York, and requested that agents interview him.

The prison file on KUSHNAROFF indicated that he was sentenced September 23, 1949 to a term of two years for violation of Postal Laws and Forgery. He was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio and he gave his home address as 409 Inboy Street, Brooklyn, New York. The file further reflected that he was born December 27, 1920 at New York City.

KUSHNAROFF advised the interviewing agents that he was married to LEAH EDITH SAMUELS, on February 5, 1943. He then gave information concerning his wife's connection with the Communist Party as well as her association with individuals who were also members of the Communist Party and attended Communist Party meetings.

According to KUSHNAROFF his wife was a friend of JUDITH COPLAN and he said that JUDITH COPLAN was in his home in the Williamsburg section of

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Brooklyn in 1946 at which time he said COPLIN was an organizer for the Communist Party, but that he did not know which branch she was directly affiliated with. KUSHNETZ said that his home at that time was located at 251 South 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York.

KUSHNETZ said that the Executive Branch of the Abraham Lincoln Group met at the homes of various members and that when it was time to hold a meeting at his house he would refuse to leave the premises and would listen to the "goings on".

He said that in 1946 he attended meetings at his home when they were held there at which time his former wife, mentioned above, was president of the Executive Branch of the Abraham Lincoln Group of the Communist Party. He stated that LOUIS BAKER was Vice President and BAKER'S wife, MARGARET, was Educational Director of the group. He added that the BAKERS resided in the same house as the KUSHNETZS.

KUSHNETZ stated that JUDITH COPLIN came to some of these meetings as an officer of some other branch and therefore was not a member of the Abraham Lincoln Group. He added that if she were not a member of some branch of the Party she could not and would not have been admitted to these meetings.

KUSHNETZ said that it was his opinion that COPLIN was an organizer for the Party because she always led the discussions and said that her pet expression was "this is the way the Party does it". From her activities at these gatherings the Informant claimed that he got the definite impression that COPLIN was a Party organizer from another branch and he claims particularly that she was introduced to others as "Kim Coplin, an organizer from another branch".

Continuing KUSHNETZ stated that between January and the end of February, 1946 four such meetings were held in his home and that he was in attendance unofficially at all four meetings. He added that JUDITH COPLIN attended two of these meetings.

KUSHNETZ said that in addition to his wife, the BAKERS, and COPLIN he recalled the following individuals attended the meetings at one time or another:

§ RITA GREENGLASS, a nurse, and her

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sisters, LUCIAN and ELEANOR.

LOUIS BRILL, a lawyer at 60 Court Street.

MAX COVACK, a bone specialist with offices at Eastern Parkway and Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

ESTHER MARTEL, who was secretary for BRILL, mentioned above.

PEARL MARTEL, ESTHER's sister.

According to the Informant the dues were paid by the members at these various meetings and the dues were paid according to what the individual was making.

He said that he is positive that he saw JUDITH COPELAND's Communist Party Card when his wife asked her at a meeting to identify herself for the benefit of the other members. According to RUBINOWITZ, JUDITH COPELAND produced a Blue Communist Party Membership Card.

Relative to the above information it is noted that Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, previously advised that LOUIS BRILL, 361 South 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, (note address) signed a Communist Party nominating petition for the New York State Elections in 1946.

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that on June 14, 1947 WENDY BAKER of 361 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, wrote a letter to the "Daily Worker", New York City, in which letter she stated that she was a constant reader of that paper. She said she wanted to report on a summer camp for children which had been advertised in the "Daily Worker" and which camp Mrs. BAKER described as "a menace to all people and in a sense a menace to the Daily too, because we have a little more confidence in the advertisers of a summer camp who would put their ad in our paper.....".

The records of both the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and of Immigration and Naturalization Service were checked by SA RALPH WYTH.

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LEADS

BALTIMORE

At Baltimore, Maryland

Will contact [redacted] to ascertain most recent employment and residence address of MAURICE BORST.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will re-examine the Immigration and Naturalization File of MAURICE BORST in an effort to determine if a more recent address and employment is reflected therein.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow the New York appeal in this case.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA T. SCOTT MILNE, dated [redacted], at New York, are as follows:

T-1 - Anonymous

T-2 [redacted]

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T-3 - [redacted] Chase
National Bank, 18 Pine Street, NYC,
contacted by SA MARTIN J. MC GINIS.

T-4 - [redacted] Foreign
Department, Federal Reserve Bank,
23 Liberty Street, NYC, who was
contacted by SA MARTIN J. MC GINIS.

T-5 - A confidential source of the Bureau.

T-6 - Former Confidential Informant ROBERT M.
of the New York Office.

T-7 - Records of the Department of State,
State of New York, which were examined
by the Albany Division.

T-8 - NY 426.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA T. SCOTT MILNE, Jr., dated March 22, 1950
at New York.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N.Y.
NOV. 2, 1950

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU - URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. COPLON APPEAL HEARD BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGES SWAN, FRANK AND LEARNED HAND, WITH LATTER-PRESIDING.

COPLONS APPEAL ARGUED BY ATTORNEY LEONARD BOUDIN. / LATTER ARGUED THAT AT

THE TIME OF COPLONS ARREST THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD OF HER ESCAPE ~~AS IS~~

REQUIRED BY THE STATUTE FOR THE FBI TO MAKE AN ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT AND,

ACCORDINGLY, THE ARREST WAS ILLEGAL. SINCE THE ARREST WAS ILLEGAL, THE

GOVERNMENTS SEIZURE OF THE MATERIAL ON COPLONS PERSON WAS ILLEGAL AND,

AS THE INTRODUCTION OF THAT MATERIAL INTO EVIDENCE WAS A NECESSARY ELEMENT

IN THE PROSECUTION, HER CONVICTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT

IT. BOUDIN STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED

THE WEAKNESS OF THE COPLON ARREST BY A RECENT RECOMMENDATION TO THE U. S.

SENATE THAT THE ARREST AUTHORITY OF THE FBI BE AMENDED SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE

LIKELIHOOD OF ESCAPE. BOUDINS SECOND POINT WAS THAT COPLON HAD BEEN DENIED

HER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF COUNSEL WHEN JUDGE RYAN DID NOT PERMIT A LONGER

ADJOURNMENT DURING THE TRIAL FOR HER NEW COUNSEL TO PREPARE HER DEFENSE.

BOUDINS THIRD POINT REFERRED TO THE WIRETAPPING ISSUE. HE STATED THAT THE

FBI HAD ENGAGED IN TENACIOUS DESTRUCTION OF WIRETAPPING DISCS AND/NOTES

MADE BY MONITORS AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, CITED BUMEMO OF ASST DIR. LADD,

DATED NOVEMBER SEVEN, FORTY NINE, WHICH ORDERED NYO TO DESTROY ALL ADMINISTRA-

TIVE DATA IN CONNECTION WITH THE COPLON TAP IN NY. BOUDIN ADDITIONALLY

ARGUED THAT JUDGE RYAN ERRED IN NOT PERMITTING THE DEFENSE TO HAVE GREATER

ACCESS TO BUREAU REPORTS AND MEMORANDA WHICH CONTAINED THE RESULTS RECEIVED

Approved:

JMO:MFB Special Agent in Charge

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 65-14932

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Per

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FROM THE COPLON WIRETAP IN NY. BOUDIN CONTENTED THAT THE COPLON CASE ORIGINATED FROM A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT WHICH WAS A WIRETAP, BUT THAT THE DEFENSE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE SAME. SAAG FRED STRINE ARGUED FOR GOVERNMENT AND IN REGARD TO THE ISSUE OF LEGALITY OF COPLONS ARREST, STRINE REVIEWED THE NATURE OF COPLONS JOB, HER ASSIGNMENTS, THE TOP SECRET FBI INTELLIGENCE MEMO TO WHICH SHE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS, AND THE DECOY MEMORANDUM PREPARED A DAY PRIOR TO HER ARREST. HE FURTHER REVIEWED THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE THREE CRUCIAL SURVEILLANCES FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., TO NY, WHEN COPLON MET GUBITCHEV. WHEN PRESSED BY THE COURT, STRINE CONCEDED THAT WITHOUT THE DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE FOUND ON COPLON AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST HER CONVICTION WOULD BE IMPROBABLE. STRINE WAS PRESSED BY THE COURT ON THE POINT OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF COPLONS ESCAPE AND HE CONTENTED THAT THE "ESCAPE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATURE OF THE OFFENSE CHARGED AND THAT TERM SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IN THIS CASE TO SHOW THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT COPLON MIGHT HAVE SECRETED HERSELF AFTER HER MEET WITH GUBITCHEV. ON THE ISSUE OF WIRETAPPING, STRINE RELIED MAINLY ON THE DECISION OF JUDGE RYAN THAT THE GOVERNMENTS EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED INDEPENDENTLY OF WIRETAPPING. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COURT INDICATED AN INTEREST IN DETERMINING HOW JUDGE RYAN ARRIVED AT THAT CONCLUSION AND INDICATED IT EXPECTED TO REVIEW THE EXHIBITS PRESENTED BY THE COURT DURING THE HEARING ON THE WIRETAP ISSUE. THE COURT GAVE NO INDICATION AS TO HOW LONG IT WOULD BE BEFORE IT RENDERED A DECISION ON ON THIS APPEAL.

SCHEIDT

Approved: _____

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

Above facts telephonically relayed to Inspector C. Hennrich, Bureau by ASAC Whelan, at 2:00 P.M. this date.

FBI - NEW YORK
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Smiller

New York, New York
November 7, 1950

MEMO:

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Confidential Informant [redacted] a reliable source who until January, 1950 was a [redacted] functionary advised the writer on September 27 and October 3, 1950 as follows:

He stated that he recalled that the Membership Secretary at the Queens County Communist Party discussed the fact that either COPLON'S brother or her first cousin approached this Membership Secretary as to whether or not he should drop out of the Party when COPLON'S activities were brought to light. The decision of the Party was that this relative of COPLON should drop out of the Party at this time. The informant could furnish no information regarding the identity or description of this individual except to say that he believed he lived in Ozone Park, Queens, Long Island.

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This information was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated October 13, 1950, entitled, "INFORMATION FURNISHED BY NEW YORK CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted]"

DANIEL F. O'CONNOR, SA

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Judge Jerome N. Frank
U.S. Court of Appeals
Second Circuit.
New York 7, N.Y.

N.Y. Nov 5 -

Judge J. Frank,
Sir,

I am convinced that Jewish
Spy Judith Coplon (Kaplan)
twice sentenced by American Courts
will go free. Jewish lawyers with
their tricks and Jewish judges
who don't want that one of their
race is a spy - will see to it.
A Rabbi who officiated at the
widely publicized (!) wedding of
"the former honor student" would not
have had the nerve to express his
hope that the "innocence" of this
woman would one day be revealed
if he had not had inside knowledge
that dear "Judy" would never go
to jail. Congratulations Mr.
Frank.

J.W.

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L. Miller for

United States Department of Justice

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"UNITED STATES ATTORNEY"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

IHS:AU

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
FOLEY SQUARE
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

November 14, 1950.

Honorable Edward Scheidt,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Courthouse,
New York 7, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Scheidt:

Honorable Jerome N. Frank, Circuit Judge,
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit,
discussed with me on November 9, 1950, the attached let-
ter which he received, and I forward it to you for such
attention as should be given to it.

Very truly yours,

Irving H. Saypol
IRVING H. SAYPOL,
United States Attorney.

Enclosure.

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New York, N. Y.
November 14, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED "J.W.", RECEIVED
BY U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE JEROME N. FRANK,
POSTMARKED NOVEMBER 6, 1950.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted to the Bureau herewith copy of letter dated November 14, 1950, which I have received from U. S. Attorney Irving H. Saypol, Southern District of New York, forwarding an anonymous letter received by U. S. Circuit Judge Jerome N. Frank. I am also enclosing the anonymous letter in question and the envelope in which it was contained. The envelope is postmarked at Flushing, New York, November 6, 1950.

In the absence of Bureau instructions, no further action is contemplated by this office as no specific request has been received from either U. S. Attorney Saypol or Judge Frank that an investigation be made regarding this matter; Mr. Saypol having indicated that he was forwarding the anonymous communication "for such attention as should be given to it."

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHREIDT
SAC

ES:MT
Encls.

REGISTERED MAIL

65-14932-1015

New York, N.Y.
November 14, 1950.

MEMO

RE: ANONYMOUS LETTER RECEIVED
BY JUDGE JEROME FRANK

At 4 p.m. I called Mr. A. H. Belmont to advise that I had received a letter from US Attorney Irving Saypol, transmitting anonymous letter received by Judge Jerome Frank; that in his letter to me Mr. Saypol says Judge Frank discussed with him on November 9th the attached letter which he received and he (Saypol) is forwarding it to me for such attention as should be given to it.

I stated that I had not called Mr. Saypol or Judge Frank to ask what they have in mind. I then read to Mr. Belmont the anonymous letter in question.

Mr. Belmont suggested that I forward this anonymous communication to the Bureau for appropriate consideration and indicate that in the absence of Bureau instructions no further action is being contemplated. I said that I would forward it to the Bureau today.

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EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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Herald - News, Passaic, N.J. 4/15/50

FBI's Wiretapping Under Court Scrutiny

IT HAS often been said that we may lose our democratic freedoms and individual liberties in our effort to protect ourselves from Communist conspiracies.

Courtroom revelations of FBI wiretapping tactics in the Judy Coplon case should give the people concern. In a New York court, on a hearing concerning her second trial, it developed that the FBI had tapped the telephones in the Coplon apartment and in her mother's. The federal agency had even monitored conversations — supposedly sacred — between the girl and her attorney.

Even worse, Department of Justice attorneys tried to conceal these facts from the court. They got away with the suppression in the trial at Washington, where Judy Coplon was convicted of slipping official secrets to the Russian agent, Gubitchev. But when the New York judge ordered the FBI to produce the wiretap records on which her conviction was based, in part at least, it turned out that they had been destroyed, deliberately and systematically, at the order of J. Edgar Hoover. If they had been obtained legally and were pertinent to the case, why were they destroyed?

The evidence, obtained from other sources than wiretapping, seems sufficient for conviction. But far more important than her conviction, since this same sort of "dirty business" could be used against innocent citizens, is that the FBI be required to obey the laws it is charged with enforcing.

It is a healthy sign that the FBI's handling of this and similar cases are to be subject to court scrutiny, for therein lies our only safeguard against an American Gestapo.

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Jim

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T. S. Miller

Director, FBI

November 18, 1950

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

For the completion of Bureau and Newark files, there is being transmitted herewith photostatic copy of an editorial appearing in the Passaic, New Jersey, "Herald-News" 11/15/50, captioned, "FBI's Wiretapping Under Court Scrutiny."

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cc - Newark (Enc-1)

RRG:IM
65-14932



FD122 to Bureau
reflecting current residence:
112 Brighton 11 Street
Brooklyn, N.Y.; + changed title
S.I. Card revised 2.8
12/9/50

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

November 20, 1950

To: SAC, New York

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on November 18, 1950.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias,
"J.W." *no file. If ref. 11-14-50*
ANONYMOUS LETTER SENT TO *Send file #6*
U.S. CIRCUIT JUDGE,
JEROME N. FRANK (Mrs) *all case*

Examination requested by: New York *latest ref.*

Reference: Letter 11-14-50 67-0a - 15-235, at 65-14932-1019

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- Q1 An envelope addressed to Judge Jerome N. Frank, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York, N.Y. This envelope was postmarked Flushing, N.Y. Nov. 6, 1950.
- Q2 Accompanying letter dated Nov. 5, Judge J. Frank, beginning "Sir, I am convinced..."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report will be submitted on this phase of the examination.

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but no identification was effected. This handwriting will not be added to the Anonymous Letter File.

Q1 is a plain white bond envelope bearing no watermark. It measures approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 6". Q2 is a sheet of white bond paper bearing the watermark "Cronicon - USA Writing." Paper bearing this watermark is sold by the F. W. Woolworth Company. It measures approximately 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 11".

Q1 and Q2 are retained in the Bureau's files.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 21, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED "J.W.", RECEIVED
BY U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE JEROME N. FRANK,
POSTMARKED NOVEMBER 6, 1950.

in Coffey file

Reurlet dated 11-14-50 reflecting that no specific request for an investigation has been made by U. S. Attorney Saypol or Judge Frank. It should be communicated to both individuals that in the absence of any apparent violation of a Federal Statute within our jurisdiction no investigation other than an appropriate laboratory examination will be made. Such examination is deemed feasible should the author of instant letter utter in the future any threats against Judge Frank which might constitute a violation of a Federal Statute. Judge Frank should be instructed concerning the appropriate handling of any future letters he might receive so as to insure a minimum of handling. He should also be provided with cellophane envelopes.

You will be furnished with the laboratory report in this case.

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MR. EACAN
MR. EANS
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
MR. WOOL
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 25, 1950

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. "J. W."
ANONYMOUS LETTER SENT TO
U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE JEROME N. FRANK

Reurlet November 14, 1950, submitting following-described specimens for examination instant case:

- Q1 An envelope addressed to Judge Jerome N. Frank, U. S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York, N.Y. This envelope was postmarked Flushing, N.Y. Nov. 6, 1950.
- Q2 Accompanying letter dated Nov. 5, Judge J. Frank, beginning: "Sir, I am convinced..."

Four latent fingerprints developed on outside of specimen Q1. Appropriate photographs prepared for any future comparisons which might be desired.

Laboratory report separate.

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MR. SCHEIDT
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RE: ANONYMOUS LETTER SIGNED "J.W.",
RECEIVED BY U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGE
JEROME M. FRANK, POSTMARKED
NOVEMBER 6, 1950

Judge Frank was very affable. Said he was not at all concerned about this type of letter, saying that he had received many similar ones in the past.

He thanked us for our sending the letter to the Laboratory and said that if any similar letters are received in the future he will handle them according to Bureau instructions.

C. W. STEIN
ASAC

FBI - NEW YORK
NOV 30 1964

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

November 30, 1950

Honorable Irving H. Saypol
United States Attorney
Southern District of New York
United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York


Re: Anonymous letter signed "J.W.",
received by U. S. Circuit Judge
Jerome N. Frank, Postmarked
November 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Saypol:

Replying to your letter of November 14, 1950, the instant letter was forwarded to our laboratory in Washington for study.

I have also discussed with Judge Frank and his secretary the best way for preserving fingerprints on these letters should he receive any more. I furnished him several cellophane envelopes in which the letters could be placed so that they would not be subject to more than a minimum of handling.

Very truly yours,


EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

CMS:CTC

65-14931-1023

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. STEIN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GILLESPIE
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LEVVIS
MR. PROFFESSAULT
MR. ANDREWS
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. RAGAN
MR. JUNG
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
MR. WOHL
CHIEF CLERK
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New York, N.Y.
December 5, 1950.

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*77-6377
*65-14732

MEMO

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 4:55 p.m. I called Mr. A. H. Belmont of the Bureau to advise that the Circuit Court had just reversed the decision in the COPLON case; that we would have more details later.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Baltimore

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

(Bufile 65-58365)

Re report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER dated 10/20/50 at New York.

[redacted] on December 1, 1950, advised SE GEORGE C. BRIGHT that the most recent employment of MAURICE BORST was at Delman, Inc., 345 Hudson Street, New York City. This source indicated that such employment was during an unspecified period prior to March 31, 1950. Nothing additional was furnished by this source except brief background data, all of which is included in referenced report. b7D

It may be noted that referenced report on page 4 sets out information pertaining to BORST's employment at Delman, Inc.

Baltimore is enclosing herewith copies of amended page 10, of the above report, restating the lead set out for Baltimore.

It is requested that future leads requesting Baltimore to conduct similar investigation be set out by letter.

WGO:MGB
65-1634

Enclosure

cc - Washington Field (Encl.)
New York (Encl.)

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T. J. Miller

New York, N.Y.
December 7, 1950.

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Today in conversation with Mr. D. M. Ladd I advised that in connection with an LGE case the New York Office has a lead to interview Judge Learned Hand in connection with the former employment of the employee. I pointed out that Judge Hand is the one who wrote the Opinion on the COPLON case and I thought perhaps I ought to interview him. Mr. Ladd agreed that I should handle this personally.

I inquired as to what my position should be if the Judge should mention the COPLON case. Mr. Ladd said that I should try to avoid any reference to the matter, but that if he makes any comment about the lack of a warrant, he should be informed that the arrest was made on the personal instructions of Tom Clarke at the last minute and there was no time to get a warrant; that it should be made clear that the Attorney General issued the orders for the arrest. Mr. Ladd said I should make no mention of this, however, unless the Judge brings it up.

EDWARD SCHEIDT
SAC

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New York, N.Y.
December 8, 1950

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON

On December 7, 1950, at 5 p.m., I called Mr. A. H. Belmont of the Bureau, and advised him that I had talked with Judge Learned Hand that afternoon in connection with an LGE case involving a law clerk who formerly worked for Judge Hand.

I advised Mr. Belmont that after discussing the LGE case, Judge Hand asked me if I had seen his opinion in the COPLON case. I said I had and he said, "Well, don't comment on it because I want to be in the position of not having discussed the case. I might be asked one or two questions about it, but I wonder if you noticed how I took care of you boys." I asked the Judge what he meant, and he said, "Well, if you noticed, I put it right on Tom Clark, on the wire tapping, and not on you fellows." I advised Mr. Belmont that I got the impression that Judge Hand meant by, "I might be asked one or two questions..." that there might be some future proceedings or something that would come up where he wouldn't want to be in a position of having actually discussed the merits of the case with someone like myself.

Judge Hand went on to say that he personally did not see any particular reason why a wire should not be tapped. He said that if he rushed over and picked up a telephone, that's one thing, "and I think that's different from such things as ransacking a man's house." I advised Mr. Belmont that the general idea was that Judge Hand was interpreting what the law was in his opinion, but he didn't see why the law had to be that way and personally he did not see any particular reason why anything was wrong with tapping a telephone.

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I also advised Mr. Belmont that Judge Hand then went on to praise the FBI and the record of the FBI employees, stating, "I think it is the greatest secret police in the world." I said to the Judge that we are not a secret police, and he said, "I don't mean that in an invidious sense like the Gestapo, but it is the greatest agency of its type." The Judge plainly meant his statement to be complimentary for the type of work the FBI does.

I further advised Mr. Belmont that while I was in Judge Hand's office, he read me three communications which he received. Two were postcards criticizing him for his ruling and very strongly denouncing him. The other was censuring him for saying COPLON was guilty. There were no physical threats in any of the cards, and the Judge advised he did not want any action taken and he did not indicate any desire to turn them over to me.

EDWARD SCNEIDT
SAC

Director, FBI

12/9/50

Att: INSPECTOR J. J. McGuire

SAC New York

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

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Transmitted herewith are editorials bearing on instant case which appeared in the NY Post, NY Daily News, and the World Telegram and Sun, 12/7/50. This information was furnished telephonically to Inspector J. J. McGuire.

ERG:MFB

Encls.

65-14932-1028 *Sm*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: December 12, 1950

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Walt

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. STEIN
MR. COLLIER
MR. ESPIE
MR. INVILLE
MR. LEVY
MR. MARCESSAU
MR. ANDREWS
MR. GUTERVIS
MR. IN
MR. J
MR. SULLIVAN
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MR. WOL
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done 12/15/50

The Security Index card on Judith Coplon was being maintained in the Special Section of the Security Index at the Bureau. However, in view of the fact that this subject has been convicted in Federal District Courts in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it is not believed that any purpose is being served in maintaining the Security Index card in the Special Section. The card has, therefore, been transferred and is being maintained in the Regular Section of the Security Index.

A revised Security Index card with respect to this subject will be forwarded to you by the Bureau.

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New York, New York

December 15, 1950

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Director, FBI

Re: JUDITH COPLON;
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

Remylet 12/9/50.

The following is an analysis of the material which are exhibits in instant case in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to which access was denied the defendants by Judge Ryan.

In the absence of any comment to an exhibit, it may be presumed that there is nothing contained in the material which would be embarrassing to the Bureau.

It should be pointed out that this letter does not cover an inspection of the transcripts of the Washington taps or mike.

EXHIBIT No. 45

Teletype in the GUBITCHEV file, 4/28/49, reveals the use of an investigative technique by having the superintendent of GUBITCHEV's apartment house enter the apartment under the guise of inspecting the water taps.

EXHIBIT No. 46

New York memorandum 2/15/49, photostat of which is being attached, contained the following material which could prove embarrassing to the Bureau:-

In paragraph 2, of page 1, mention is made that the Washington Field Office had been requested by New York to attempt to intercept a letter which Mrs. COPLON was forwarding to JUDITH.

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cc: 65-14939

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65-14932-1030

Letter-Director

TSM:MFB

65-14932

In paragraph 1, of page 1, mention is made that we had information that JUDITH had made a suspected entry in her diary relative to 2/18/49.

It will be noticed in the remainder of the letter that a discussion was had relating to an arrest of GUBITCHEV.

Also contained in this exhibit was a New York memorandum dated 2/21/49. It will be noted that on page 2 of this memo, there is set out the results of checking COPLON's bag in the steel locker in Pennsylvania Station on 2/18/49, which bag COPLON had checked in Pennsylvania Station while she was in upper Manhattan meeting GUBITCHEV. A photostat of this memo is being enclosed.

Another item in this exhibit is a teletype dated 2/25/49 from New York to the Bureau and Washington Field. This teletype sets out detailed information on SHIRLEY SAMIS nee ARONOW, a contact of COPLON. In about the middle of this teletype a statement is made that ARONOW was an excellent suspect for being identical with ZORA. The similarities of ARONOW and the unknown ZORA were then set out. It should be pointed out that ZORA was the cover name used by the MFB to designate FLORA DON WOVSHIN, the girl who recruited COPLON into Soviet Espionage.

Another item in this exhibit was a New York memorandum dated [redacted] which sets out information relative to the surveillance of HAROLD SHAPIRO; information from the COPLON New York tap; and information obtained from Confidential Informant NYT-507, which is concerned with the activities of the [redacted] This memorandum [redacted]

Another item in this exhibit is the so-called group of [redacted] which were identified by date on page 4 of the referenced letter. It will be noted that only four of these letters were partly expurgated prior to their submission to the defense. Letter dated [redacted] was expurgated to the extent that all page 2 was blocked out with the exception of the first, second, and last paragraphs. Included in this blocked out material will be noted that information was received from a known Communist Party member.

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The [redacted] had the fourth paragraph blocked out.

The [redacted] had the penultimate paragraph of page 2 blocked out.

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The [redacted] had the penultimate paragraph of page 2 blocked out.

EXHIBIT No. 62

This exhibit consists of all the investigative reports submitted in the COPLON and GUBITCHEV cases.

Rather than to attempt to point out which of these reports contain information which might embarrass the Bureau, there are being enclosed with this letter a copy of the cover memoranda attached to each investigative report when the reports were submitted to Judge Ryan. At the time these memoranda were made, a notation was placed at the bottom of each memorandum with the exception of the original, setting forth the material in each report which could embarrass the Bureau. It should be pointed out that this material which is objectionable concerning confidential informants, telephone taps in other cases, highly confidential sources, a summary of the information furnished by the original informants in the instant cases and the identities of individuals being investigated by the Bureau, such as ROBERT SOBLE.

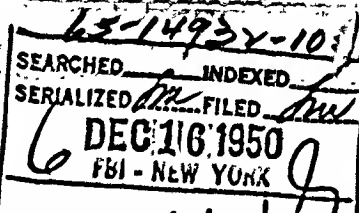
The files of this office reflect that copies of the above memoranda were given to SA Delavigne of the Washington Field Office, but it is not known whether the Bureau received a copy, hence they are being enclosed.

UACB, no further study will be made of the material to which Judge Ryan denied access by the defendants.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

Encls (45)



Gentlemen

Enclosed I am sending you a clipping
I cut out of one of the papers I was reading
I as, a N.S. citizen born in Kings County
B'kly - think it is my duty to write
in regards this matter what is the
matter with our justice dept. getting
soft. I think this case should be
prosecuted to the limit of the law that
girl should have no mercy if I was a
N.S. judge I would give her (50) years at
hard labor it gets me boiling mad when I
read these things that girl is a traitor of
the worst kind making a good living here
and then trying to sell our beautiful
country short. If she was on the other side and
done that you know what would happen to her
shot of course she is no good she married that
lawyer for what reason so she could get out of
jail no other reason that is all she wants him
for - I wrote to her family months ago & told
them her daughter was no good she is a disgrace
to them and to America to so please

May Drop Spy Charge Against Judith Coplon

U. S. Attorneys considered today whether to start new proceedings against former Government girl Judith Coplon, appeal to the Supreme Court, or to drop their spy charges against her altogether.

The U. S. Court of Appeals reversed conviction of the 29-year-old Brooklyn girl yesterday on charges that she plotted to pass vital United States secrets to Russia through her Soviet boyfriend.

But the court ordered a new trial for her on the charges, stressing in a unanimous decision that the indictment could not be dismissed "for the guilt is plain . . ."

Says FBI Bungled

The court said the FBI bungled by not having a warrant when its agents pursued and arrested Miss Coplon and her Russian lover, Valentin Gubitchev, in a cops-and-robbers chase around New York City on March 4, 1949. That made her arrest and seizure of documents in her purse illegal, the three-man court said.

The court also pointed out that Federal statutes forbid wiretapping data and said the Government failed to prove that FBI wiretaps of Miss Coplon's and Gubitchev's telephone wires did not "lead" to any of the evidence on which she was convicted at her trial here last March 9.

Miss Coplon, 29, and Gubitchev, 33, a Russian engineer employed by the United Nations, were found guilty of conspiring to spy for the Soviet Union and sentenced to 15 years in prison. But, rather than face the penalty, Gubitchev forfeited his appeal rights and accepted deportation to his homeland with his family.

Files Another Appeal

Miss Coplon, a bride of six months, still stands convicted of another Government charge of stealing vital defense secrets while employed as a Justice Department analyst for delivery to Russia. Sentenced to 40 months to 10 years in prison on that charge after a trial in Washington, she appealed that decision in the Court of Appeals at Washington, D. C., last week, but no decision has been handed down.

The New York court's decision, written by Judge Learned Hand, said it was forced to "take the law as we find it." The three jurists suggested, however, that the "powers of the bureau (FBI) to arrest

without a warrant should be broadened and perhaps it would be desirable to set limits—as for example, in cases of espionage, sabotage, kidnaping, abortion, and in general investigation involving national security and defense—to the immunity from 'wiretapping' of those who are shown by independent evidence to be probably engaged in crime."

The defense arguments against both the New York and Washington trial convictions were the same—that the conviction was obtained on illegal wiretap evidence and she was arrested without a warrant.

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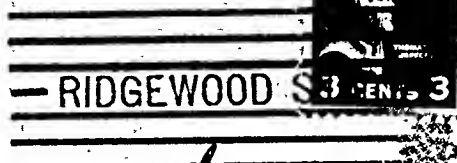
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Manager

New York, New York
December 19, 1950

Memo

Re: [redacted]

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On 12/18/50 [redacted] telephonically advised this office that while walking with his girl friend on [redacted] in the vicinity of 222 W 84 St., NYC he found a piece of paper which turned out to be a photostatic copy of what he believed to be government letter. [redacted] stated that the letter had referred to a Philip Levy and possible espionage. [redacted] said that he had turned the letter to to a Mr. Kelly of the Secret Service, 90 Church St., NYC.

Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, Secret Service Agent, 90 Church St., NYC was contacted regarding the paper and he gave it to the writer stating that he had planned to send it to the FBI by mail.

Investigation disclosed that the instant paper is believed to be a photostatic copy of an exhibit introduced by the government in the Judith Coplon case inasmuch as typed on the reverse side is the phrase "Govt Exhibit No 317". No information was available which would indicate the person or persons who formerly had possession of instant paper.

A copy of this memo as well as the instant paper is being place in the Coplon file, 65-14932.

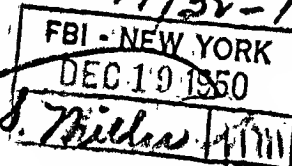
SA Daniel B. Fleming

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cc 65 - 14932

*per [unclear]
12/21/50*

12-20-50



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New York, N. Y.
12/9/50

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 5:45 P.M., 12/8/50, Inspector A. H. Belmont, Bureau, called and advised that the Bureau had received an unofficial communication from the Department to the effect that they may be planning to carry the appeal to the Supreme Court on the limited issue of the legality of the arrest. In order to do that, they have to clear up the other two items on which the conviction was reversed, namely, whether or not the confidential informant was a wiretap, and whether or not the defense should have access to the material which the lower court withheld from it.

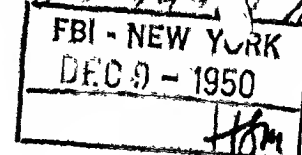
On the second point, Mr. Belmont said the Bureau would like NYO to, as fast as possible, furnish a list of all material turned over to the court -- reports, teletypes, letters, etc. The Department has stated, in connection with the second point, it is going to ask the court to release for examination all material on receipt to see whether or not they may be made available to the defense; therefore, it will be necessary for the Bureau to have a list of all material turned over to the court of any kind. This list should be broken down appropriately as to what is under seal at the court now; what is under seal in the NYO; and any other material not under seal, not examined by the defense.

Mr. Belmont cautioned that when this material is examined in the safe, it should be done without opening envelopes. Any envelopes that have been sealed by the court are not to be opened or disturbed.

Mr. Belmont said the Bureau would like also to have an opinion from NYO as to whether it would be advisable for the defense to examine this material and, if not, why not. They will be working on this at the Bureau but would also like an opinion on this from NYO. The Bureau is anticipating receipt of a memo from the Department and wants to be in a position to appropriately answer it and prepared to take an appropriate stand.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, ASAC

WMW:MFB



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO. **65-5128**

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-28-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/21; 12/4/50	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS A. MENDENHALL	TAM: EAK
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE

INS files rechecked but contained no additional information concerning the whereabouts of MAURICE BORST. A lookout notice on BORST has been placed with the Central Office, INS, Washington, D.C.

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DETAILS:

At WASHINGTON, D. C.

The file of MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST, now known as MAURICE BORST, was again checked at the Central Office of the Immigration & Naturalization Service, but no additional information concerning the present whereabouts of BORST was contained therein.

A lookout notice was placed with the Central Office of the Immigration & Naturalization Service requesting that the Washington Field Office of the FBI be notified in the event BORST furnishes another address record card or if information regarding BORST's whereabouts is obtained.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

Reference: Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER dated October 20, 1950 at New York City.

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Director, FBI

January 4, 1951

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On 12/18/50, [redacted] of this office, advised that on [redacted] while he was walking in the vicinity of 222 West 84th Street, New York City, with his girl friend, he found a photostatic copy of what he believed to be a Government letter.

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[redacted] said that he had turned the paper over to a Mr. Kelly of the Secret Service, 90 Church Street, New York City.

Thomas J. Kelly, Secret Service Agent, was contacted by SA Daniel Fleming. Mr. Fleming was given the photostat by Mr. Kelly who stated that he planned to mail it to the FBI.

An examination of the photostat shows that it is a copy of Government's Exhibit #31 in the COPLON trial. This exhibit was "data slip" #5 and was concerned with PHILIP LEVY. On the reverse side of this photostat is typed "Gov't Exhibit No. 31." This is not the Government exhibit itself as they were stamped as such with a rubber stamp.

It will be recalled that defense counsel Archibald Palmer had these data slips photostated and therefore was in possession of a complete set of these data slips.

The above is for the Bureau's information and the photostat is being retained in the files of this office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **65-14932 IM**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/2; 12/5, 22/50	REPORT MADE BY T. SCOTT MILLER, JR.
TITLE JUDITH COPLAN			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">U.S. Circuit Court, New York City, reversed conviction of COPLAN 12/5/50. Indictment not dismissed.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">P*</p> <p>Details:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>At New York, N.Y.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On November 2, 1950, the appeal of COPLAN'S conviction in the Southern District of New York was argued before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, N.Y. Judges Thomas Swan, Jerome Frank and Learned Hand heard the argument.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Defense Counsel Leonard Boudin argued COPLAN'S appeal and Special Assistant to the Attorney General Fred Strine argued for the Government.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Boudin based his oral argument on three main points, as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The arrest was illegal in that it was made without a warrant and there was no likelihood of escape. 2. COPLAN was denied her constitutional right of counsel when the District Court would not give her a 60 day adjournment to allow her new attorneys to prepare defense, when she dispensed with the services of Archibald Palmer as her attorney. 			
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3. The District Court erred in not allowing defense to have greater access to Bureau reports and memoranda dealing with information obtained over the wire tap. Further, that the defense was not allowed to prove that the original informant in the case was a wire tap.

Mr. Strine's argument consisted of going over the facts of the case prior to the arrest to show there was probable cause for the arrest. With regard to the likelihood of escape Mr. Strine said that the nature of the offense should be considered and that it was not the meaning of the arrest statute that the likelihood of escaping for an indefinite period of time must be present. He argued that the escape was meant to be for such a period of time that the subject could dispose of the fruits of the crime.

Relative to the wire tap issue, Mr. Strine relied mainly on the finding of the District Judge that the Government's evidence was obtained independently of wire taps.

On December 5, 1950, Judge Learned Hand handed down the decision in the appeal. The conviction of COPION was reversed on three grounds as follows:

1. The arrest was illegal in that it was made without a warrant and there was no likelihood of escape. Also, there was ample time to obtain a warrant.
2. The defense was prevented in further questioning witnesses relative to the original informant in the case to establish conclusively that it was or was not a wire tap.
3. The District Court did not make available to the defense all of the information derived from the wire taps.

Judge Hand, in his opinion, said that since COPION'S "guilt is plain," he is not dismissing the indictment but remanding the case to the District Court in the event that the Government can introduce more evidence.

Judges Swan and Frank concurred in the opinion.

A photostatic copy of the opinion was furnished the Bureau on December 5, 1950.

Mrs. Mary Barrett, 141 West 69th Street, New York, N. Y., advised that she had received no information relative to the whereabouts of MAURICE BORST.

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the latest employment he had relative to BORST was Dalman, Inc., 345 Hudson Street, New York City.

In view of the nature of the only remaining leads in this case it is being placed in a pending inactive status and the Washington Field should do likewise.

PENDING INACTIVE

NY 65-14932

ADMINISTRATIVE

Since the Washington Field Office has placed a lookout notice with the Central Office of Immigration & Naturalization in the event that Service receives the current address of MAURICE BORST, no further investigation to locate him is being conducted.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, N.Y.

Will report the final disposition which is made of this case in the Southern District of New York.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will report the final disposition which is made of the conviction of GOFLOW in the District of Columbia.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The following is the confidential informant mentioned in the report of SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., dated 1/19/51 at New York:

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REFERENCE

Report of SA T. Scott Miller, dated 10/20/50, at New York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
New York 65-14932

DATE: January 30, 1951

MR. SCHEIDT
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MR. COLLIER
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TRAINING UNIT

Rerep Special Agent T. Scott Miller, Jr., 1/19/51, at New York, in this case, in which you placed the case in a pending-inactive status.

It is to be noted that you reported information concerning your efforts to locate Maurice Borst. The Bureau desires that you continue your efforts to locate the whereabouts of this individual. You should carefully review your past investigation in this regard and set out logical leads to determine this individual's whereabouts. It is contemplated that when he is located authority will be given for an interview of Borst.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: *JUDITH COPLON War.*This Office File *65-14932**Bufile 65-58365*

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: *112 Brighton 11th St.*
Bk. N.Y.

Employment: *None*

Address:

Remarks: *Rel. 60*

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: ✓

Employment: ✓

Address: ✓

Verified by: *A.S. Miller, Jr.*

Method of Verification: *Through U.S. Army's Office*

Date: *2/1/51*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

Security Flash notice placed 2/9/51 JMT

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A.S. Miller JMT

DIRECTOR, FBI

February 5, 1951

SAC, WFO

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau phone call this date requesting copy of the pleadings in the Government's appeal from the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversing respondent's conviction.

There is enclosed herewith mimeograph copy of the Government's petition for writ of certiorari filed Saturday, February 3, 1951, in the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. EDMUND CULLINANE, Clerk's Office, Supreme Court, advised that the record has not yet been printed and observed that the respondent has 30 days in which to answer after service of the petition with copy of the printed record. In this case the record is so extensive, it is anticipated it will be necessary to stipulate portions to be printed which further necessitates delay.

Encl.
cc - New York

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February 9, 1951

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-58365)

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a security flash be placed in the files of the Identification Division against the record of the following individual:

Name JUDITH COPLON

Aliases (for additional space use reverse side) Mrs. Albert H. Socolov

FBI Number 157539A (or) Local Registry number
F. P. C.

The above individual is subject of a
SECURITY INDEX CASE

In the event any information concerning this individual is received in the Identification Division notify New York Office.

The above individual may be described as follows (not necessary if FBI number is furnished):

1-Age:	13-Occupation:
2-Date of birth:	14-Marital status:
3-Place of birth:	15-Residence:
4-Height:	
5-Weight:	
6-Build:	Scars, marks and peculiarities
7-Eyes:	
8-Hair:	
9-Complexion:	Is identification record desired? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10-Race:	
11-Sex:	Subject is not identical with
12-Nationality	FBI number

Approximate date fingerprints forwarded to Federal Bureau of Investigation:

noted on 3-1-51
Very truly yours,

TSM:LEJ

EDWARD SCHEIDT *gmf*
Special Agent in Charge *AB*

65-14932-1040

Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory
SAC, New York

March 14, 1951

JULIUS ROSENBERG, Et Al
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith are the letter and the envelope addressed to Judge IRVING KAUFMAN of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, from one MAX SCHWARTZ of 2845 Brighton 6th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The files of this office reflect that this same MAX SCHWARTZ wrote three letters to Judge LEIBELL, Southern District of New York, in 1949 in connection with hearings in the JUDITH COPLON Espionage case. Photostatic copies of these letters were forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated March 22, 1950 captioned, "JUDITH COPLON, Espionage-R".

MAX SCHWARTZ resides at 2845 Brighton 6th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and operates a small concern at 141 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, which manufactures ladies' change purses. He is separated from his wife and has no children. He has been described as eccentric.

SAC EDWARD SCHEIDT discussed the enclosed letter with Judge KAUFMAN. The facts were presented to AUSA JOHN M. FOLEY, Southern District of New York, who declined prosecution expressing doubt that the letter even contained a threat.

Inasmuch as neither Judge KAUFMAN nor AUSA FOLEY requested that SCHWARTZ be interviewed, no further action will be taken by this office UACB.

The Laboratory may desire to compare the known handwriting of MAX SCHWARTZ, as contained in enclosed letter, with the handwriting on the anonymous letter sent to United States Circuit Judge JEROME W. FRANK in the case, "MUNSUB, wa.: J.W.", Laboratory report dated November 20, 1950, Bureau file 95-38494, Lab file D-124308AX.

The Laboratory might also desire to compare the known handwriting of MAX SCHWARTZ with the writing on the anonymous letter forwarded to the Laboratory by letter dated March 10, 1951

Encs. (2)

cc: 65-14922 (JUDITH COPLON) /
65-14873 (MAX FLITCHER)

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65-15348

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Letter to the Director
65-15348

In the case captioned "UNSUB; MAX FLITCHER; Obstruction of
Justice; EXTORTION".

The enclosed letter need not be returned to the New
York Office.

Director, FBI

3/19/51

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON;
ESPIONAGE - R
(Bufile 65-50365)

Rebulet 1/3/51.

A review of the instant investigation has disclosed that all logical leads to locate MAUNICE BORST have been covered, and a lookout notice has been placed with Immigration and Naturalization should BORST communicate with that Service relative to his naturalization.

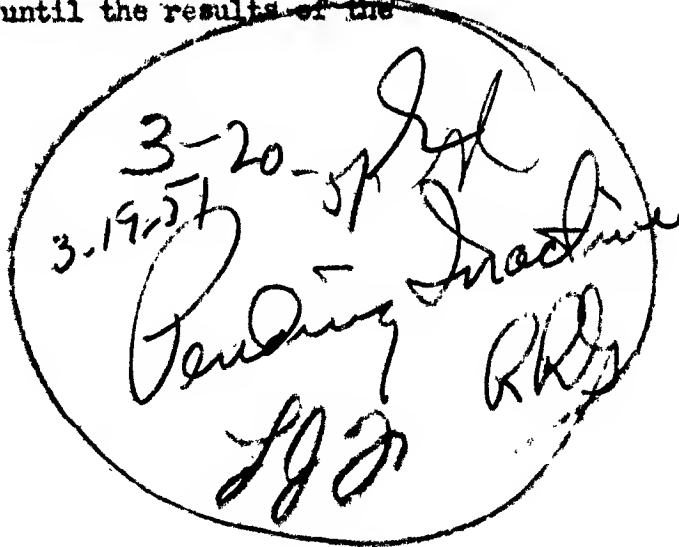
The Bureau is requested to make arrangements with British authorities for the latter to contact BORST'S family in England in an attempt to ascertain BORST'S present address in the U.S. It will be recalled that previously, the British supplied us with background info. on BORST.

According to records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, BORST disclosed his parents' address as 2 Sunny Corner Scarthoe, Lincolnshire, England. His parents are MARINUS JACOBUS JOHANNES BORST and JEMTI BORST, nee NIJHUIS.

Since this is the only remaining lead in this case, it is being kept in a Pending and Inactive status until the results of the British inquiry are received.

cc: Washington Field

TSM:mbm
65-14932



65-14932-1043

New York, New York
April 12, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SAMUEL ABRAHAM NEUBERGER
SECURITY MATTER - C

Confidential Source [] on April 5, 1951,
furnished the following information regarding the above-
captioned individual:

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NEUBERGER lives in Brooklyn and is an attorney. He was the Party attorney in about 1940 in the Oklahoma cases, defending Party leaders. He also was a Party attorney in the 1940 election campaign in the Pittsburgh area. He took part in a small informal party at Lakewood, New Jersey, raising funds for Party purposes. He was the fund raiser. This party took place at JOE SCHWARTZ'S Alaban Hotel in Lakewood in the winter of 1941-42 at Christmas vacation time.

NEUBERGER likes to speak of his wife as GYPSY ROSE LEE because of the close resemblance between the two.

He also defended JUDY COPLON. The informant suspects him to be a Party member but did not see his Party card.

EDWARD W. BUCKLEY
SA

cc: NY 66-3901 (P&C)
100- (Joe Schwartz)
100- (Judy Coplon)

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Director, FBI

May 4, 1951

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
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It will be recalled that since COPLON'S conviction she married ALBERT H. SOGOLOV, a New York attorney.

As previously reported, the only derogatory information in the files of the New York Office relative to SOGOLOV is that he was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. In view of this, no SM-C case on him will be opened, UACB, unless further derogatory information comes to the attention of the New York Office.

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65-14932-1045

New York, N. Y.

May 12, 1951

MEMO:

Re: JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNIST PARTY GROUP

Re Complaint Form dated 5/2/51 of SA ARMAND A.
CAMMAROTA.

[redacted]
Brooklyn, N.Y., was interviewed on 5/2/51, by the writer
and SA FRANCIS D. LEDDY with reference to case file
26-12019, captioned "MOE NUDELMAN, was. - FUGITIVE; ITSMV".

[redacted] upon conclusion of the interview
advised the agents that the Parents Teachers Association
connected with the JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL was being over-
run with active Communists. She advised that she has been
aware of this fact for a great many years and that on
numerous occasions, attempts have been made to convert her
to the Communist Party line.

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[redacted] Civilian Defense, 61st Precinct,
located on the Kings Highway between 12th Avenue and Coney
Island Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. She stated that the offices
of the Russian War Relief for Democracy were located next
door to the office of the Civilian Defense.

[redacted] stated that she first became aware
of the Communist Party activities in the neighborhood during
the last war when the local branch of the American Youth
for Democracy Club obtained permission to hold meetings in
the office of the Civilian Defense.

[redacted] stated that at that time a Mr. and
Mrs. LE BOFF were two of the principal organizers of the

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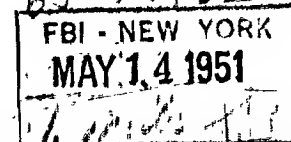
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Communist Party activities in the neighborhood. She stated that Mr. LE BOFF was the Assistant Principal of JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL and was an underground member of the Communist Party.

Mrs. LE BOFF, whose first name is ETHEL, was the active organizer among the women's unit of the Parents Teachers Association.

[redacted] stated that the LE BOFFS have moved to Tucson, Arizona, during the past two years for reasons of health.

[redacted] stated that two other active Communist Party members who are continuously giving parties and attempting to recruit other women in the neighborhood, are Mrs. ISABEL SCHWARTZ, who resides at East 9th or East 10th Street, near Kings Highway and whose phone number is ESplanade 5-4784; and Mrs. MINNIE WEINER of 3395 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn.

[redacted] further advised that a SARAH ROMBERG of 1810 Avenue M and a Mrs. EDITH K. BERNSOHN of 2147 East 22nd Street are also both active Communist Party members who are attempting to take over the Parents Teachers Association of JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL.

[redacted] stated that her children have all graduated from JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL and that from information she has learned from them, a Mr. and Mrs. THALSON (phonetic), who both teach at the school, are both active Communist Party members. [redacted] stated that Mr. THALSON is a teacher of Spanish and that he personally organized the American Youth for Democracy Branch of JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL. [redacted] stated that THALSON was a teacher at that school at the time it was attended by JUDITH COPLON and that she knows that JUDITH COPLON was an active member of the American Youth for Democracy Club and that she distributed Communist Party literature on the sidewalk after school hours.

[redacted] stated that Mrs. THALSON teaches Hebrew and Latin. She stated that the THALSONS still teach

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at the school and reside on Bedford Avenue. She also stated that THALSON is Scandinavian and that Mrs. THALSON is Jewish.

[redacted] whom she and the rest of the family have disowned. is an active Communist and now resides at [redacted] Tucson, Arizona. [redacted] whose first [redacted] who is not a citizen but who pretends to be. [redacted] stated that PHEFFER was born in Russia and came to this country a number of years ago. He had lived in New York City until he recently moved to Tucson, Arizona.

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[redacted] advised that she desired that her information be kept on a confidential basis but that she would be very willing to be reinterviewed with reference to any of the above at any time.

ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA, SA

Director, FBI

May 16, 1951

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On 4/26/51, MARTIN SHAFER, Clerk, U.S.D.C., SDNY, advised this office on a confidential basis that LEONARD BOUDIN, the attorney for COPLON who is arguing her appeals, obtained permission from Judge RYAN to examine the following exhibits of the NY trial of COPLON, all of which were made available previously to COPLON's attorney during the course of the trial.

EXHIBIT
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DESCRIPTION

pp 120 - 130 of the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR. dated 3/28/49 in the COPLON case, which sets out information from the COPLON NY telephone tap.

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Teletype, NY to Bureau and WFO, dated 2/28/49, which sets out information obtained from the NY COPLON telephone tap to the effect that COPLON was coming to NY on 3/4/49.

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List of monitors of the WFO who recorded conversations of COPLON from the telephone tap on the residence of COPLON in Washington, D.C.

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WFO Monitor's handwritten logs on the COPLON office telephone and microphone, partially expurgated by the court.

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Same as 52 above, except only those conversations relating to COPLON's taking trips from Washington to NY.

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Mr. SHAFER said that BOUDIN told him that BOUDIN needed the exhibits in connection with the preparation of the argument on behalf of COPLON in Washington, not specifying whether it was to be Before the Supreme Court or the C.C.A.

Above for information.



SAC, NEW YORK

May 21, 1951

DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
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Reurlet 5/4/51 which pointed out that since Coplon's conviction she married Albert H. Socolov, a New York attorney. You stated that the only derogatory information in your files relative to Socolov was that he was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. You said that in view of this no Security Matter - C case was being opened on Socolov unless advised to the contrary.

You will recall that the New York Times article of 5/15/50 reflected that Coplon had announced on the previous night that she was going to marry Socolov. The article described Socolov as a Brooklynite, a graduate of Ohio State and New York Universities, and set forth that he was a lieutenant in the Army who had fought in the Normandy Invasion with the First Army and in the Battle of the Bulge with the Third Army.

Bufiles reflect information that Joseph A. Park, Dean of Men, Ohio State University, in 1941 furnished a list of the members of the American Students Alliance which included Al Socolov. The membership list obtained from Dean Park was exhibited to Cincinnati Informant [] who advised that among the members of the Alliance were a number of Communist Party members, including Al Socolov. It was brought to the Bureau's attention recently by Colonel William W. Harwood of the Department of Justice, that Judith Coplon's husband, Albert Socolov, reportedly holds a reserve commission in the United States Army. The Washington Field Office should check the appropriate records to verify this and to determine if any action has been taken to relieve Socolov of this commission.

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The Bureau does feel that a Security Matter - C case should be opened on Albert H. Socolov and that he should be considered for a Security Index card, particularly in view of the fact that he married a convicted Soviet espionage agent.

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cc: Washington Field

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New York, New York
May 26, 1951

MEMO

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. HENNRICH of the Bureau called me on May 24th instant, and desired any information concerning an analysis by this office of NOVIKOV's attempts to induce intelligence information from Bureau agents while on the stand, through POMERANTZ.

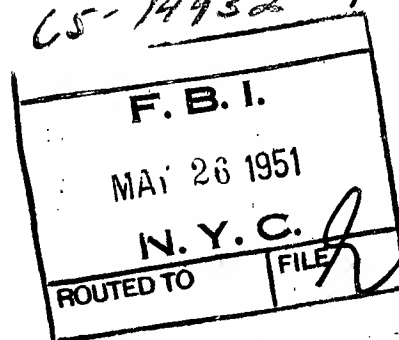
I called him back and advised him that this information had been forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated January 31, 1950, captioned in the COPLON case.

ROBERT R. GRANYILLE, SA

cc 100-96477

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 65-14932

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice



607 United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 29, 1951

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

This will confirm receipt of information concerning the following
telephone numbers:

SH 3-5950

This information was needed in connection with an official
investigation being conducted by this Office.

Thankyou for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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65-14932-1050

New York, NY
6/9/51

MEMO

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 5:15 P.M., 6/1/51, Mr. OBENDORF, of the WFO telephonically advised that the Circuit Court of Appeals, Washington, had ruled in connection with the Washington trial of COPLON that the arrest was legal; however, the Court desired that the District Court in Washington determine whether any conversations between COPLON and her attorney were picked up on wire tapping of COPLON'S phone.

In this connection, Mr. OBENDORF advised that the District Court must hold a hearing and if it is determined that conversations between COPLON and her attorney were picked up a new trial will have to be held.

Mr. OBENDORF requested that this office furnish immediately the following data in connection with this matter:

1. The dates of the technical surveillances on COPLON in NYC.
2. The dates of any conversations picked up between COPLON and her attorney.

He requested this data be furnished the Washington Field Office telephonically on 6/1/51.

GERALD A. MCCARVILLE, SA

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T. J. Miller

TRUE COPY

June 23rd, 1951.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your action against the communist traitors in rounding up their leaders is most gratifying and we Americans know that you have them all numbered. Only your spotless integrity which is reflected by the calibre of the F.B.I. gives Americans hope of overcoming the evils of communism, for too many politicians have 'played to the grandstand' and have taken plaudits for their concessions to the communists.

I did not share the thoughts expressed in the last issue of "Readers Digest" regarding Judge Learned Hand. I believe (only) a reproof may have been in order to the investigators on the Coplon case because they used wire-tap and had no warrant for her arrest, but this particular case of international interest and FRONT PAGE NEWS was the one where the actual criminal was allowed to go free only because of extreme measures taken by the investigators on a TRAITOR. Is it true that in every case, especially those that make no head-lines, the police, or other investigators, comply with every law to the fullest extent so that the arrest is entirely legal to the last degree? Well, Miss Coplon has the opportunity to change her face, her name and lose herself---and to assure other traitors that the precedent she established is for them too. This burns me up with indignation. Every American is harmed by Judge Hand's decision. If only I had the authority and opportunity to ask Judge Hand a few questions! As reported to the F. B. I., I met this Mr. Weinberg, the step-son of Archibald Palmer and Mr. Palmer - right after they turned over the case to other lawyers to change the defense and start persecuting the F. B. I. They admitted their "love-affair" fell through, but I also gathered that there was no doubt as to her guilt and the young man Weinberg said that it was the greatest crime anyone could commit. He also gave me the impression that her brother was a member of the army in Spain, the Loyalists. Why are those ex-soldiers from the army under Russian command or influence allowed to go about freely?

If at any time, in any way, we could be of any service to you, we would do so.

Cordially and with my prayers,
/s/ Faye W. Bryce

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Dear Mrs. Bryce:

You may be sure he will appreciate your commendatory remarks concerning the FBI and his administration of its activities. I know that Mr. Hoover would suggest that you can be of real service by reporting information of value to the representatives of our New York Office at 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, New York 7, New York or to him.

Helen W. Gandy

cc: New York, with copy of incoming ^{Secretary}

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 8-22-51

FROM : SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT:

Attached hereto is an envelope postmarked at New York, July 31, 1951, addressed to the State Treasurer, State Capitol, Nashville, Tennessee, which contains a typewritten letter which reads as follows:

SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS OF MARSHALL PLAN FUNDS HAVE BEEN FRAUDULENTLY PAID TO THE ACCOUNTS OF BARBARA HUTTON, HER 15 YEAR OLD BASTARD BY RIBBENTROP, HER SECRETARIES AND EX-HUSBAND.

EVERY MAN KNOWS A WHORE IS A THIEF, AND BARBARA HUTTON IS A WHORE, A BITCH, AND A PROSTITUTE.

BARBARA HUTTON IS A SINFUL, AND VICIOUS PERSON: A WICKED, IMMORAL CRIMINAL: AN UNPRINCIPLED, CORRUPT, AND DEPRAVED DEGENERATE: EVIL MINDED, HEARTLESS, AND A SHAMELESS WHORE.

LINCOLN STEFFENS AUTOBIOGRAPHY ENTITLED THE MUCKRAKER DESCRIBED THE STORY OF A PROGRESSIVE LITERARY MAN WHO BRAVELY DENOUNCED THE HYPOCRISY, THE VENALITY, AND CRIMINALITY OF AMERICAN RULING CIRCLES.

JUDITH COPLON
MRS. VANDERBILT FIELD

The enclosure is being forwarded for your information.

DSH:MRS

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON
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September 6, 1951

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. HARGETT
MR. CHLESPIE
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. HAMILTON
MR. LEVVIS
MR. M. CIENNAN
MR. MACHESBAULT
MR. ANDREWS
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. DAGAN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
MR. WOMA
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

There are transmitted herewith to the Bureau and New York one photographic copy each of COPLON's petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit filed in the Supreme Court of the United States on August 24, 1951.

Enclosure

CC - New York (65-14932) Incl.

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Emanuel Green
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New York, N.Y.
September 10, 1951

MEMO.

Re: SHEPARD GREEN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

67-0A-8253; 2648; 3280
-2596
40-359-41 672; 93; 95; 97
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-12364
-1345, 28
100-15231-56

At 2:10 PM instant date, Inspector CARL HENRICH of the Bureau advised that the Bureau has received a letter from EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE, Attorney, 270 Broadway, NYC, wherein GREENE states that he is being sued by SHEPARD GREEN, who resides in a penthouse in the Concord Hotel, 130 East 40th Street, NYC.

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87-0-2200, 2011
98-879-604, 205*
Attorney GREENE advised, according to Mr. HENRICH, that he had referred to SHEPARD GREEN in connection with a suit in which he represented one MAX ARONSON and in that suit had filed a legal paper wherein SHEPARD GREEN was referred to as a person being investigated by the FBI with reference to his alleged connection with JUDITH KOPLIN. Attorney GREENE indicated that he is being sued along with his client MAX ARONSON for allegedly referring to SHEPARD GREEN as a "dirty Communist and Red."

Mr. HENRICH advised that the Bureau files had failed to reflect any investigation conducted concerning a SHEPARD GREEN and had failed to indicate any connection between SHEPARD GREEN and the JUDITH KOPLIN case. It was requested that an immediate check of the New York indices be made for any information concerning this matter and that the Bureau be advised telephonically.

GERALD A. MCCARVILLE,
SA

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No reference to any of above - Judy Coplon
Case to Shepard Green in Manhattan phone book 130 E 40 St, NYC - advised
9-10-51 - I called Inspector Henrich & advised
no record re Shepard Green in the case on
Judith Coplon
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SUPREME COURT : NEW YORK COUNTY

SHEPARD GREEN,

Plaintiff,

-against-

MAX ARONSON,

Defendant.

Plaintiff complaining of defendant by MAC C. BERNAN, his attorney, as and for his Amended Complaint, respectfully shows to this Court and alleges:

1. That the defendant, MAX ARONSON, is a resident of the County and State of New York.
2. That in or about the month of May, 1950, in the premises of the Concord Hotel at 130 East 40th Street, and at other places in the City, County and State of New York, the defendant in the presence and hearing of numerous persons, maliciously spoke of and concerning the plaintiff the following false and defamatory words: "Why do you have anything to do with those Reds upstairs."
3. That on or about the 15th day of April, 1951, in the lobby of the premises at 130 East 40th Street, in the City, County and State of New York, the defendant in the presence and hearing of numerous persons, maliciously spoke of and concerning the plaintiff the following false and defamatory words "Dirty communist low-life."
4. That on or about the 15th day of May, 1951, in a public courtroom, his attorney, Emanuel Lewis Greene, for and on behalf of said defendant in the presence and hearing of numerous persons maliciously spoke of and concerning the plaintiff the following false and defamatory words, referring to the plaintiff: "He was investigated by the F.B.I. because of his connections with Judith Koplan."

5. That the defendant herein spoke concerning this plaintiff false and defamatory words, attributing to the plaintiff a lack of patriotism, lack of loyalty to the federal government of the United States of America and to the state government of the State of New York, of not being a public spirited citizen, of not standing for the principals upon which our government was founded.

6. That all the words so spoken were false and defamatory and by reason thereof plaintiff was injured in his business, profession and vocation and was caused to suffer substantial loss of earnings; plaintiff was also injured in his reputation and suffered great pain and mental anguish to his damage, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.) Dollars.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.) Dollars, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

MAC C. BERMAN
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office & P.O. Address
No. 51 Chambers Street
New York 7, New York

EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
270 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 7, N.Y.
BARCLAY 7-7660

August 31, 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th
and 10th Streets
Washington 25, D. C.

Att.: J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as an active practitioner of the law in New York City and am seeking your assistance with respect to the following situation:

An individual, by the name of Shepard Green, has been a tenant occupying a pent house at premises known as the Concord Hotel at 130 East 40th Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, for several years past. I represent the owner of said hotel.

It appears that during the past several years, said Shepard Green has been attempting to obtain a private telephone in said building. The hotel maintains a switch board with four to six operators and all of the 100 tenants, except four who have been there for twenty years, have no such private telephones. The owner of the building had given instructions to the Telephone Company to prohibit the installation of private phones in said building without his consent.

Said Shepard Green went to the local office of the Telephone Company where he was refused a private phone and, thereupon, went to the business office, as I have been given to understand, and misstated to said office the fact that he had the owner's permission to do so, whereupon the Telephone Company installed said private line in the apartment of Shepard Green in the above mentioned premises.

The owner of the premises threatened to have the same removed and said Shepard Green commenced an application for a permanent injunction restraining my client, the owner, and

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the telephone company from removing the same. He also requested a temporary injunction pending the determination of the application for a permanent injunction. This matter was argued in the Supreme Court, New York County on April 17, 1951. After argument in open court before Justice Benjamin F. Schreiber, the application for temporary injunction was denied.

Some time during the summer of this year the same individual commenced another action for slander against my client, the owner of said premises hereinabove mentioned, relative to his being called a Communist. I am enclosing herein a copy of said complaint for your perusal, showing the charges made against my client and also one, paragraph four, supposedly made by myself in the course of the argument before Justice Schreiber on the application for temporary injunction hereinbefore referred to.

Of course, the above facts are not too material standing alone. However, I have been informed by my client that one Judith Coplon had been a frequent visitor to the pent house apartment occupied by Shepard Green for a lengthy period of time prior to her conviction in Federal Courts of this country. She had on occasions come into the lobby of the hotel during the summer time, for Mr. Shepard Green, wearing sun suits and was told to go to his apartment and keep out of the lobby.

I was further given to understand, by employees of the hotel, that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been in said hotel interrogating said Shepard Green in connection with his relationship to Judith Coplon.

I therefore ask, knowing full well that the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are confidential, if there is anything of a public nature pertaining to this individual, Shepard Green.

As a member of the bar and a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, interested in the welfare of our country, I would appreciate any assistance that your bureau may be able to extend to me in this situation.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Emmanuel Lewis Greene
EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE

EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE

270 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 7, N.Y.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pennsylvania Avenue between 9th
and 10th Streets

Washington 25, D. C.

Att.: J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.

September 11, 1951

Mr. Emanuel Lewis Greene
270 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 31, 1951, I must advise you that according to departmental regulations information in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and is available for official purposes only.

No inference, however, should be drawn that we do or do not have in our files the information you requested because of my inability to be of assistance.

I am taking the liberty of making one copy of your letter available to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director

cc: Criminal Division
Department of Justice

✓ SAC, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK CITY

DATE: September 11, 1951

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
New York File 65-14932

MR. SCHUBT
MR. WHELAN
MR. HARGETT
MR. GILLESPIE
MR. LANNAN
MR. ANDREWS
MR. SUPERVISOR
MR. RAGAN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. WALSH
MR. WOHL
MR. CLERK
MR. CLERK
MR. UNIT

There is attached hereto one photostatic copy of a letter dated August 31, 1951, received from a New York City attorney, Emanuel Lewis Greene. A photostatic copy of the enclosure to Mr. Greene's letter is also enclosed. You will note that Mr. Greene's client is being sued for slander -- one count being that Attorney Greene in a previous action had referred to the plaintiff, Shepard Green, as being "investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation because of his connection with Judith Koplan." A copy of my reply to Attorney Greene is also attached.

The Bureau's files have been reviewed on the name Shepard Green and no information was found reflecting any contact with Judith Coplon. The following information was noted but it is not known if it relates to the Shepard Green mentioned in the attached communications.

On September 25, 1940, a Shepard Green of 143-06 Cherry Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, applied for a position as a Special Agent. He listed his birth date as June 19, 1903, at Elizabeth, New Jersey. His mother and father were listed as born in Russia. He listed himself as married. He had graduated from St. John's College of Law with an LLB Degree and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1933. On December 15, 1941, he wrote to the Bureau regarding his previous application, giving as an address Counselor at Law, 386 - 4th Avenue, New York City.

In connection with the investigation entitled "Herbert M. Karp; Israel Furdaus, was.; Security Matter - R" information was developed that Herbert Karp and one Schuyler Ross had opened an account at the Lake Shore National Bank in Chicago on April 16, 1947, depositing a check for \$25,000 payable to the Gentry Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois; this check was later return marked "Insufficient Funds." Information was developed that Karp was an associate of one Shepherd Green of the Gentry Manufacturing Company, 11 East 44th Street, New York City. Our investigation of Karp was based on an allegation connecting him with Soviet Minister Molotov. It appeared through investigation that Herbert M. Karp was not identical with Sam Karp, who is a relative of Molotov.

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With respect to Emanuel Lewis Greene, the Bureau's files reflect he filed an application on December 19, 1941, for a position as a Special Agent and he was unfavorably recommended. He was informed that he had failed the examination. He called at the Bureau in person on January 31, 1942, arguing the matter in a contentious manner. Greene was also investigated in 1942 in connection with the immigration fraud which involved Sylvester Pindyck and others.

In view of the fact that an attempt may be made at some future time to subpoena a representative of the FBI in connection with this civil suit, a copy of Greene's letter is being made available to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

You should bring to the Bureau's attention any data which may be developed by you reflecting any contacts between Shepard Green and Judith Coplon.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-104803 GMM**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/18/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/17,18,20/51	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES D. SHORES
TITLE ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SOCOLOV married JUDITH COPLON 5/28/50. He was a member of the National Lawyers Guild. He resides at 14 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, NY. Employed as a lawyer, Room 2114, 401 Broadway, NYC. Date of birth 10/20/21 at Brooklyn, NY. Served in U.S. Army in 1943 to 1946. Description set out.

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DETAILS: At New York, New York

This investigation is predicated on information that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV married JUDITH COPLON May 28, 1950.

JUDITH COPLON was found guilty June 30, 1949 in the District of Columbia of violating Section 793 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code.

JUDITH COPLON was convicted in the Southern District of New York March 7, 1950 and was sentenced March 9, 1950 for violating Section 794, Title 18, United States Code and Sections 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code. It should be noted that these convictions involved espionage activities for Soviet Russia.

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Communist Activities

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, has advised that SOCOLOV was a member of the National Lawyers Guild and had paid dues through the fiscal year of 1946 to 1947.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944.

The following Confidential Informants, all of known reliability, were contacted and could furnish no information concerning the subject: T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9 and T-10.

Residence

On August 20, 1951 Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised that SOCOLOV resides at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Employment

On August 20, 1951 Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised that the subject is a lawyer with an office at Room 2114, 401 Broadway, New York City.

Election Records

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Elections reflect that ALBERT SOCOLOV registered from 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York in 1948 and 1949 as a member of the American Labor Party. In 1950 he registered from 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn and did not indicate any party preference.

The American Labor Party was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41 as among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

Birth

Birth Certificate #42181 on file at the Brooklyn Bureau of Vital Statistics reflects that ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV

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was born October 20, 1921 at Brooklyn, New York. His father was BENJAMIN SOCOLOV, born in Russia and his mother was LOTTIE BRODSKY, born in Russia

Marriage Record

Marriage Certificate #8414 on file at the Brooklyn Bureau of Vital Statistics reflects that a license dated May 26, 1950 was issued to ALBERT H. SOCOLOV and JUDITH COPLON and they were married on May 28, 1950 in Kings County, New York. Rabbi MAX FELSHIN, 62-95 Saunders Street, Forest Hills, Long Island performed the ceremony and the witnesses were JEROME FINE and PAUL LAZARUS.

The record reflects that SOCOLOV resided at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, was born October 20, 1921 at Brooklyn and his occupation was listed as lawyer and his father was BENJAMIN SOCOLOV and his mother was LOTTIE BRODSKY.

The record further reflects that JUDITH COPLON resided at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. She was born May 17, 1921 at Brooklyn, New York. Her father was SAMUEL M. COPLON, born in the United States and her mother was REBECCA MOROH, born in the United States.

Military Record

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised on June 6, 1951 that SOCOLOV entered active duty in the United States Army May 28, 1943. He served as a First Lieutenant in the 150th Engineer Combat Battalion and he was released from active duty on April 26, 1946.

Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from Confidential Informant T-13, the subject's birth certificate and during the course of the current investigation:

Name:	ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV
Date of Birth:	October 20, 1921 Brooklyn, New York
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165 pounds

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Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Characteristic:	Mole on left cheek (1942)
Residences:	14 Pierrepont Street Brooklyn, New York (August, 1951) 112 Brighton 11th Street Brooklyn (1950) 506 Court Street Brooklyn, New York (1949) 101 East 16th Street Columbus, Ohio (1942)
Occupation:	Lawyer
Business Address:	Room 2114, 401 Broadway, New York City
Next of kin:	JUDITH COPLON, wife BENJAMIN SOCOLOV, father, age 64 LOTTIE SOCOLOV, mother, age 59 IRWIN SOCOLOV, brother, age 28 RUTH SOCOLOV, sister, age 25
Education:	Boys High School, Brooklyn, 1938 Ohio State University, 1942 New York University Law School, 1948
Army Serial Number:	01592623
Social Security Number:	053-16-7433

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The Confidential Informants referred to in the report of SA CHARLES D. SHORES, New York, dated September 18, 1951 are identified as follows:

T-1	Anonymous as reflected in report of Washington Field dated 4/2/48 in case entitled "National Lawyers Guild; Internal Security - C."
T-2	[] contacted by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
T-3	[] contacted by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
T-4	[] contacted by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY.
T-5	[] contacted by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY. b7D
T-6	[] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
T-7	[] contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.
T-8	Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department contacted by SA AUGUST J. MICEK.
T-9	G-2 contacted by SA JOHN J. DIXSON.
T-10	ONI contacted by SA VINCENT F. CLANCY.
T-11	Pretext telephone call to the subject at his residence, 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York (MA 5-1758)

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Continued)

T-12

Pretext telephone call to the subject at his office, Room 2114, 401 Broadway, New York City (RE 2-9861).

T-13

Selective Service records contacted by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY.

IDENTITY OF SPECIAL EMPLOYEES

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Elections were reviewed by SE LAWRENCE CRONIN.

The records of the Brooklyn Bureau of Vital Statistics were checked by SE GERARD M. LENAHAN, birth, and SE ROBERT M. HALL, the marriage records.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow recommendation made in form FD 122 submitted to the Bureau.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated 5/21/51, entitled "JUDITH COPLON, was.; Espionage - R (Bufile 65-58365).

Director, FBI

October 1, 1951

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON;
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet to New York, 9/11/51.

The files of the New York Office were reviewed for information concerning EMANUEL LEWIS GREENE, SHEPARD GREEN, and MAX ARONSON.

No further information was contained in the New York files other than as set forth in referenced letter and no information was found reflecting any contact of SHEPARD GREEN with JUDITH COPLON.

A handwritten signature, possibly "E. J. B.", is written in the center of the page.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: October 26, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

The Bureau desires at this time a report in this case, setting forth the present residence of Coplon, data with respect to her marriage, and other information which may be available to you relative to her current activities. It is not necessary that an active investigation be conducted, but you should report information now available to you. Your report may again designate the status of this investigation as pending inactive.

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Director, FBI

December 4, 1951

SAC, New York

TASS NEWS AGENCY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
REGISTRATION ACT

In the course of examining the records of the Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, a file was found pertaining to the GUBITCHEV-COPLON trial.

This is being forwarded to the Bureau for information.

Enc. (1)

cc NY 65-14932 ✓

*see exhibit
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12-3-51

Re: Judith Coplon was
Esp - R

On 11/29/51, following inv. was done:

The mail carrier covering 112 Brighton
11th Street, Bklyn advised that subject
& husband had moved about a month
ago and had furnished a forwarding
address to the Post Office. The carrier
commented that he had not seen subject
for some time prior to her moving but
he had heard various neighbors make
comments to the effect that

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she was expecting a baby in February.

The Post Office station at Ave Z and
E 18th St. Bklyn, N.Y. advised that
subject's forwarding address was given to
them as 178 Ocean Parkway, apt
11E Bklyn, N.Y. The mail boxes at the Ocean
Parkway ~~that~~ address (subject's former address)
reflected that apt 11E was occupied by
Porolow, Coplon, Moroh (Mother's maiden name).

E.W. Gangle, S.A.

T. S. Miller
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: JUDITH COPLON;
Espionage - R.

This Office File 65-14932

Bufile 065-058365

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 112 Brighton 11 St., B'klyn, NY

Employment: None

Address:

Remarks: Photo attached

B'klyn Pct 60

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

not Residence: 178 Ocean Parkway, c/o Mrs. Samuel Coplon, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Employment: none

Address:

Verified by: S.A. Frank Zangle

Method of Verification:

Date: 11/29/51

Postal Carrier for 112 Brighton 11th. St,
B'klyn and Mail Box at 178 Ocean Parkway,
B'klyn. Socolon moved from Brighton 11th.
St & left finding address

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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Director, FBI (65-58365)

January 3, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 178 Ocean Parkway, % Mrs. Samuel Coplon
Brooklyn, New York

FZ:mat

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SAC, MIAMI

January 7, 1952

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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MR. ROSEN
MR. TOLSON
MR. WALKER
MR. WILSON
MR. YERGEN
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

When Judith Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, one of the names in her address book was Maurice Borst, 73 Warrington Crescent, Maida Vale, London W.9. England. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect Borst's full name is Marinus Johannes Reinier Borst, now known as Maurice Borst. He was born September 6, 1914, at Amsterdam, Netherlands, of Dutch nationality. A confidential source abroad advised he was brought to England by his parents at the age of 6. He was naturalized as a British citizen in April, 1948. From 1946 to 1949 he was employed as a boot and shoe salesman by Messrs. Delman, Ltd., 16 Old Bond Street, London, W.1. England.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect Borst arrived in the United States at New York City on June 28, 1949, aboard the SS "Queen Elizabeth" under the Netherlands immigration quota. He was in possession of British Passport 856009 issued by the British Foreign Office in London, England, April 12, 1948. The Immigration and Naturalization Service file contains an address record card dated September 27, 1949, sent by Borst in which he furnished his address as 44 West 69th Street, New York City. His employment was listed as Delman, Inc., 741 - 5th Avenue, New York City. The Immigration and Naturalization Service records do not reflect the present address of Borst and efforts to locate him through investigation have been negative.

In view of our inability to locate Borst in the United States a request has been made of a confidential source abroad to develop his present whereabouts through his relatives in England. Borst's parents stated they have heard nothing of him for the past three years. He promised to visit his mother before he left England for the United States but he did not keep this promise and he has not been heard from since leaving England. Mary Bell, a daughter of Mrs. Borst, immigrated to Canada about four years ago. She married a Canadian named C.H. Bell and they are now living at "Cedar Brae," West Hill, R.R. 2, Ontario, Canada. Mary Bell is said to receive letters from her brother, Maurice Borst, but none of these letters have had his address and she therefore has been unable to reply. Mrs. Bell reportedly believes her brother may be in Miami, Florida. It was reported that Maurice Borst has been on friendly terms with an American in London who now has or had a laundry business in Miami, Florida.

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Washington Field

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[redacted] Mrs. C. H. Bell,
"Cedar Bree," West Hill, Ontario, at which time she stated she is her
brother's favorite and that from time to time he writes to her briefly,
stating he is getting along fine, but he has furnished very little additional
information about his present life. Mrs. Bell said she was under the
impression that Maurice Borst is a salesman and she advised that the last
time he wrote to her was during January, 1951, at which time his address
was 106 Northeast 25th Street, Miami, Florida. Mrs. Bell thought it was
possible she would receive another letter from him during the Christmas
season and the [redacted] to learn if she has received
additional correspondence from Borst.

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On the basis of the foregoing information the Miami Office should
attempt to locate Maurice Borst at 106 Northeast 25th Street, Miami, and
thereafter he should be vigorously interviewed concerning his knowledge of
Judith Coplon and how his name and London address came into her possession.
Borst should also be questioned as to why he has not kept the Immigration
and Naturalization Service advised of his present whereabouts. A report
should be submitted incorporating the results of this interview. The New
York Office is origin.

Ser. #1069 imitted from this file inadvertently.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 18 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-15-52	REPORT MADE BY J. RICHARD BUTTS JRB:Js
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MAURICE BORST, Miami, Florida, was a traveling companion of COPLON on a 16 day bus tour of France, Switzerland and Italy during summer of 1948. BORST claims he never met COPLON before the tour and did not see her after tour was completed. COPLON was traveling alone and told BORST she was a State Department employee. COPLON remained in Paris at completion of tour.

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DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Mr. MAURICE BORST, 236 N. E. 28th Street, Miami, Florida, was interviewed on January 15, 1952 by the writer and Special Agent CHRISTOS S. GIKAS.

Mr. BORST stated that he is presently employed as a shoe salesman in the Miami Beach store of Burdines. He said he has been living in Miami, Florida since November, 1950. He came to the United States from England in June, 1949 and for a little less than one year lived at 44 West 69th Street in New York City. During that time he was employed as a shoe salesman in the ladies shoe section of Bergdorf Goodman. In May, 1950, BORST said he went to San Francisco as he had become tired of New York and thought he might like living in California better. He obtained a job at Sommer and Kaufman, a department store located on Market Street in San Francisco. While in San Francisco, BORST said he lived at 236 Baker Street. BORST remained in San Francisco for about six or seven weeks he said, at which time he left San Francisco and returned to New York City. He lived at 121 West 84th Street in New York City then until he came to Miami in November, 1950.

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Mr. BORST said that in 1948 he was living at 73 Warrington Crescent, London, England and was employed as a shoe salesman by Delman's, located on Bond Street in London. When he received his summer vacation in May, 1948, BORST said he decided to take a bus tour to Southern France and parts of Switzerland and Italy. He went to a tourist agency called Blue Car Tours, located on Regent Street in London, where he made arrangements for a bus tour of the aforementioned countries, which would last about two weeks. The other persons who signed up for the tour went by boat to France and thence to Paris where they all met at the Hotel Lutetia, from where the tour would start.

Mr. BORST said there were approximately 25 or 26 people on the tour and they all traveled by one bus. On the first day of the trip after leaving Paris, the tour stopped for lunch at Fontainebleau. At that time the Courier, which was the title given to the man who handled the tour, introduced BORST to JUDITH COPLON. He told BORST that COPLON and he were the only single people on the tour who were traveling alone and suggested that they share a table for lunch. Thereafter, Mr. BORST said he and COPLON sat together on the bus during the tour.

This trip lasted approximately 15 or 16 days, during which time they visited Dijon, France and from there proceeded to Lausanne, Switzerland, Milan, Italy, Strase, Italy, and then returned to Paris via Nice, Monte Carlo and Vichy.

Mr. BORST said he was COPLON'S constant traveling companion throughout the tour and was with her every evening with the exception of the night which the tour spent at Lausanne, Switzerland. At that time Mr. BORST said COPLON had a date with a man, not a member of the tour, with whom she spent the evening. Mr. BORST said that he did not believe this man was an American, but that COPLON had evidently known him previous to the tour. He said this man met COPLON in the lobby of the Victoria Hotel where the members of the tour were staying. He said this man appeared to be in his early thirties and had a fair complexion. He was unable to describe him further. BORST said that Miss COPLON did not tell him who this man was, nor mention him later in any way.

Mr. BORST said that at the conclusion of the tour when they returned to Paris he was almost out of money due to the fact that he was unable to take very much money out of England and when he mentioned this to Miss COPLON she loaned him two pounds. He said she told him that although she planned to remain in Paris for some little time, she was going to return to the United States through England and would contact him in

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London, at which time he could repay her the two pounds. Mr. BORST said he gave COPLON his address in London and fully expected to see her shortly.

Mr. BORST said he then returned to London and within a few days received a letter from COPLON saying she had decided not to come to England, but instead to take a trip to Rome. She told him in this letter that she had never been to Rome and thought she should see that City before returning to the United States. BORST said he has not seen COPLON since he left her in Paris and has not corresponded with her, nor has he received any further communications from her with the exception of the letter she wrote him saying she was unable to come to London.

Mr. BORST recalled that during the tour, COPLON told him at one time she was a typist with the United States Department of State and furthermore that she had not had a vacation for the proceeding five years. He said that at no time during the trip did she ever mention politics.

Mr. BORST said he read in the London newspapers of COPLON'S subsequent arrest on espionage charges and when he came to the United States he decided he had better not attempt to contact her to repay her the two pounds.

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During this interview, Mr. BORST was questioned as to why he has not kept the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised of his present whereabouts. BORST said he had notified them of his present address and furthermore that he had registered under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. He further stated that he has taken out his first papers toward becoming a United States citizen.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Miami dated January 7, 1952.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/2, 12, 11/29/51; 1/16/52	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH C. WALSH
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

According to New York press of 10/27/51 COPLON expecting baby in February, 1952. Subject and husband residing 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, Apt. 11-E. Informant says subject is active member of AYD and distributed CP literature.


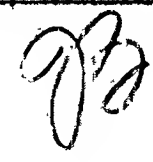
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DETAILS:

On October 27, 1951 the New York newspapers carried articles to the effect that JUDITH COPLON was expecting a baby. "The New York Journal-American" for that date reported that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV (COPLON'S husband) told International News Service that he and his wife are looking forward to the event.

The article indicated that the couple lived in a small apartment in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn. It was indicated that the baby was expected in February, 1952.

On November 29, 1951 SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE contacted the United States Postal Carrier for the address of 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York, where the SOCOLOVS have been residing since their marriage. He advised

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that COPLON and her husband had moved from this address about a month ago.

The records of the United States Post Office at Avenue Z and East 18th Street, Brooklyn, New York, reflected that the SOCOLOVS had indicated that their new address was 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, Apartment 11-K, which is the home of the subject's mother. The mail boxes at this address show that Apartment 11-E is occupied by "SOCOLOV, COPLON, MORON". The last name is the maiden name of Mrs. REBECCA COPLON and it is possible that one of her sisters is also residing in this apartment.

Confidential Informant T-1, whose reliability has not been established, advised SAs FRANCIS D. LEDDY and ARMAND A. CAMMAROTA that the Parent-Teachers Association of the James Madison High School, Brooklyn, New York, was over-run with Communists. T-1 explained that as a former member of this organization Informant had been cognizant of its membership activity. This Informant stated that Mr. and Mrs. THALSON (phonetic), teachers at that school, are both active Communist Party members. She added that Mr. THALSON is a teacher of Spanish and had personally organized the American Youth for Democracy branch of James Madison High School. The Informant pointed out that THALSON was a teacher at that school when JUDITH COPLON was in attendance and, further, the Informant commented that COPLON was an active member of the American Youth for Democracy club and that she had distributed Communist Party literature on the sidewalk after school.

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Informants

T-1



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who advised the agents that she desired
her name be kept confidential.

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At New York City

Will continue to report any pertinent information
relative to the subject.

REFERENCE: Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., 1/19/51,
New York City.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

FROM : SAC, New Haven (65-1248)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 30, 1952

For the information of the New York Office, on Sunday, January 13, 1952, the "Bridgeport Herald" newspaper carried a small news item quoted as follows:

"Convicted Commie spy Judith Coplon (Mrs. Albert Socolov) may check into a Stamford or Norwalk hospital to have her baby next month (to avoid newshounds in New York)..."

On January 22, 1952, Mr. LE ROY BROWN, Business Administrator for the Stamford City Hospital, 19 West Broad Street, Stamford, Connecticut, and Mr. TAYLOR COLEMAN, Business Manager for the Norwalk City Hospital, 24 Stevens Street, Norwalk, Connecticut, both of whom are considered reliable sources of information in the New Haven Division, advised that no information had been received at either hospital concerning Subject as a prospective maternity patient.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information for the New York Division and no additional action is being taken by this office.

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Corrected Security Index cards
attached. Substitute for cards
in file. They are old cards.
Place the name and description on
reverse of the geographical card.

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(1-2-51)

Director, FBI (65-58365)

January 3, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

TRANSMIT TO *New York* OFFICE

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____ 178 Ocean Parkway, 3 Mrs. Samuel Coplon

Brooklyn, New York

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J. E. Walsh, Jr.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: February 1, 1952

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (NY 65-14932)
ESPIONAGE - R (Bu 65-58365)ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV (NY 100-10480)
SECURITY MATTER - C (Bu 100-383833)

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Joseph C. Walsh, dated January 17, 1952, at New York City in the Coplon case. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Charles D. Shores, dated September 18, 1951, at New York City in the Socolov case. The Bureau considers that the above reports show a lack of consideration of information available to your office in your files.

Socolov Report

The report dated September 18, 1951, in this case, referenced Bureau memorandum dated May 21, 1951, in the Coplon case. However, in the Bureau memorandum information was set forth reflecting that Socolov was a graduate of Ohio State University. You were provided with information that an Al Socolov had been a member of the American Students Alliance at Ohio State University in 1941, and according to Cincinnati Informant [] this Socolov was also a member of the Communist Party. You made no mention of this information in the report submitted and you did not set forth any lead to verify the identity of the Socolov who was a member of the Communist Party at Ohio State University.

In addition to the foregoing you were provided information that Socolov held a reserve commission in the United States Army. By memorandum dated May 28, 1951, in the Coplon case, you were provided information that Socolov had been discharged from his commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps and the Army of the United States. Your report does include a section concerning Socolov's military record, but you completely disregarded the above information. The report also sets forth that the subject was residing at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, and the informant page sets forth that this had been verified by a pretext telephone call to the subject at his residence. The description of Socolov appearing in the report also sets forth that he had resided at an address of 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, in 1950 and gives the address of 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, as of August, 1951. The report of Special Agent Joseph C. Walsh,

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dated January 17, 1952, in the Coplon case, sets forth that on November 29, 1951, it was determined that the Socolovs had moved from 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York, a month previously. The statement was made that they had lived at this address since their marriage (5/28/50). Obviously, one of the two reports from your office is in complete error.

The report of Special Agent T. Scott Miller, dated October 20, 1950, at New York City, sets forth that according to a newspaper article in the Herald Tribune of May 29, 1950, Socolov was an attorney with the firm Neuburger, Shapiro, Rabinowitz and Boudin, 76 Beaver Street, New York City. Samuel Neuburger and Leonard Boudin are both subjects of investigation by your office reflecting activities on their part of a Communist nature. It would therefore have been pertinent to have identified these individuals as such in the report on Socolov if the newspaper article is correct in stating Socolov is an attorney in that firm. Your report reflects Socolov has an office at Room 2114, 401 Broadway, New York City.

A supplemental report is to be prepared by your office on Socolov which must include the results of investigation conducted in accordance with the above.

Coplon Report

The Bureau, by memorandum dated October 26, 1951, instructed you to submit a report in this case setting forth the present residence of Coplon, data with respect to her marriage, and other information which might be available to you relative to her current activities. You were told that it was not necessary that an active investigation be conducted, but that you should report information now available to you. The report of Special Agent Walsh, dated January 17, 1952, disregards completely the information set forth in the Socolov report. The two reports, as set forth earlier, are in conflict as to where Mr. and Mrs. Socolov have resided. You also disregarded the information previously furnished you reflecting on the possibility that Socolov had been a member of the Communist Party while at Ohio State University.

The Bureau desires that an additional report be submitted in the Coplon case which will include additional data concerning Coplon's husband, Albert Socolov, and which will be more complete in scope relative to her activities.

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Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESP. R.

WILLIAM M. WHELAN, ASAC

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February 13, 1952

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

JUDITH COFFIN, et al
ESPIONAGE - R

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MR. HAMILTON
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MR. TOLSON
MR. WALKER
MR. WILLES
MR. WYLLIE
CHIEF CLERK
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ReButel 2/13/52 with reference to the anonymous letter signed
"Cicada," postmarked at Annapolis, Maryland, 8:00 AM, 2/9/52.

There is being transmitted herewith for your information a
Photostat of instant letter.

As requested in reftel, it is desired that an immediate check
be made of your files to determine whether there is any record of your
having had contact with or correspondence from this individual; further,
that you make an appropriate check at the Annapolis Police Department
and the Post Office for any information which might assist in determining
the identity of the writer of this letter.

Your attention is particularly invited to the second postscript
appearing on instant letter wherein the writer mentioned having been at
the Annapolis Resident Agency on 2/8/52, at which time he was advised
that none of the Agents had been there for a period of several days.
It is suggested that you make appropriate inquiries of the personnel in
any offices adjoining or in the immediate vicinity of this Resident
agency in the Annapolis Post Office building to determine whether they
recall an individual having made inquiry of them concerning the
availability of a representative of the FBI.

As pointed out in reftel, your office should make appropriate
arrangements to have an Agent available at the Resident Agency in Annapolis
on Saturday and Sunday of this week in the event your inquiries have
failed to determine the identity of the writer of this letter or to
develop that this individual is a known mental case.

cc: New York (Enclosure) (65-14932)

Enclosure

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CONTACT WITH OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED CICADA.
INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUTEL BEING FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT
ADVISED. NEW YORK SUTEL BALTIMORE IF ANY RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE
FROM CICADA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 14, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, BALTIMORE - URGENT
JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBULET FEBRUARY THIRTEEN
AND BALTIMORE TEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTY TWO.
INDICES NYO NEGATIVE CONCERNING CICADA, AND NO RECORD OF
ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED THIS OFFICE FROM CICADA.

SCHEIDT

☒ MR. SCHEIDT
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Approved: S/12

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10:21 MPer JPA

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JUDITH COPLON, ET AL; ESP-R.

BUREAU IN RECEIPT TYPEWRITTEN LETTER, SIGNED QUOTE CICADA UNQUOTE, POSTMARKED ANNAPOLIS, MD, EIGHT AM, NINTH INSTANT, AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WILL YOU PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE AT THE LOCAL OFFICE HERE SATURDAY OR SUNDAY AND I WILL CALL THERE. I HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE JUDITH COPLON CASE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. ALSO I HAVE OTHER DATA WHICH SHOULD BE IN YOUR HANDS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE UNQUOTE. THIS COMMUNICATION HAD FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH QUOTE P.S. IF YOU WILL READ CORRESPONDENCE, CIRCA FIFTY AND FIFTY ONE DASH DASH I HAVE NO DESIGNS ON ANYONE UNQUOTE. ADDITIONAL POSTSCRIPT APPEARED: QUOTE I CALLED THERE TODAY BUT THERE WAS NO ONE IN AND WAS INFORMED THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN THERE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS UNQUOTE. AS LETTER DATED ANNAPOLIS EIGHTH INSTANT IT WOULD APPEAR WRITER CALLED FEDERAL BUILDING, ANNAPOLIS, THAT DATE AND THEREAFTER MAILED LETTER. NO RECORD BUFILES RE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE FROM QUOTE CICADA UNQUOTE. YOUR OFFICE REQUESTED ADVISE IF ANY RECORD PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM SUCH INDIVIDUAL. IF NO RECORD YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY CHECK WITH ANNAPOLIS PD AND PO TO DETERMINE IDENTITY THIS INDIVIDUAL. IN ABSENCE INFO INDICATING WRITER MENTAL CASE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO HAVE AGENT AVAILABLE ANNAPOLIS RESIDENT AGENCY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THIS WEEK END. LETTER FOLLOWS:

WFE:hc

cc: New York (by mail) (65-14932)

65-58365

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
February 18, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU, BALTIMORE URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ET AL: ESPIONAGE - R. REBUTEL FEBRUARY THIRTEEN
LAST. NY FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD INDIVIDUAL NAMED CICADA.

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Approved: *SW*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per *[Signature]*

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New York, New York
February 18, 1952

MEMO:

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

SA JOSEPH C. WALSH ascertained by pretext telephone call to the Manhattan General Hospital, New York City, that JUDITH COPLON gave birth to a baby girl on instant date at that hospital.

Foregoing was furnished to Inspector CARL HENNRICH at the Bureau at 2 p.m. on instant date.

GERALD A. MCCARVILLE, SA

GAM:MSB
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
February 18, 1952

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU - URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. BUFILE SIX FIVE DASH FIVE EIGHT
THREE SIX FIVE. DAUGHTER BORN TO SUBJECT TODAY, MANHATTAN GENERAL
HOSPITAL, HERE. FOR BU INFO.

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65-14932-1083

New York, New York
February 19, 1952

MEMO:

Re: ALEX LEITH, was
SM - C

MR. ANTHONY MEZZATESTA, superintendent at 147 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised telephonically that recently JUDITH COPLON and her husband had applied for an apartment at 147 Montague Street and had been recommended by subject LEITH. MR. MEZZATESTA stated that the landlord, CLARA ASANELLO, 540 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, had turned down COPLON'S application.

LEO E. CONROY, SA

cc: NY 100-87165
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SAC, Washington Field

March 10, 1952

Director, FBI (65-58365)

JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

Under date of March 3, 1952, the following memorandum was received from Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice.

"Mr. Karl Baarslag of the American Legion telephoned Mr. Foley of the Internal Security Section on February 21 to state that a rumor had been received at the American Legion Headquarters to the effect that after Coplon's arrest and severance from employment in the Department of Justice she continued through a friend (believed to be a female friend) to receive the kind of information which she had previously been obtaining and which had formed the basis for the data slips found in her purse at the time of arrest. He said that the person who made this statement to the American Legion was a Mrs. Francis Loeffler of Washington (more specific address not known) who was told of the foregoing by someone whom she knew in the Department of Justice.

"It is suggested that you interview Mr. Baarslag concerning this information and conduct an appropriate investigation in the matter."

The Washington Field Office should immediately attempt to contact Mr. Karl Baarslag regarding this matter. The Bureau's files reflect that Mr. Karl Baarslag has been employed since 1947 as a research specialist for the National Headquarters of the American Legion in Washington, D. C.

It is not possible to definitely identify Mrs. Francis Loeffler of Washington. She may possibly be identical with Margaret H. Loeffler whose husband's name is Francis J. Loeffler. In August 1951 they resided at 2810 Texas Avenue, S.E., Apartment 203, Washington, D. C. She was employed as a secretary-stenographer in the Claims Division of the Department of Justice.

Your investigation in this matter is to be most thorough and the Bureau should be kept fully advised of all pertinent developments.

cc - New York (65-14932)

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New York, New York
March 12, 1952

MEMO

RE: COMINFIL, UERMWA
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Confidential Informant NY-603-S, of known reliability, advised SA RULON S. PAYNE he learned at UE National Headquarters, 11 East 51st Street, that on 2/19/52, ALBERT SOCOLOV conferred with BASIL POLLITT, UE Attorney, concerning his wife, the former JUDITH COPLON, and her having recently given birth to a baby girl. According to informant, they discussed the public relations in that connection. Informant said that SOCOLOV stated that the papers are laying off the story and that the hospital, was to a large measure, responsible for that. SOCOLOV said that the hospital had been uncooperative to reporters who had assembled in the hospital lobby, the hospital, apparently not caring especially for publicity on the subject.

Informant continued that SOCOLOV stated that he and JUDY had made up their minds that they would only state that the baby was born; that the baby and mother are doing well; that this is part of their private lives, and that they desire no publicity.

According to informant, POLLITT said he had talked to CARL about publicity and that he and CARL think the whole business of meager publicity is planned to play down the story of the human beings involved. POLLITT suggested that they try for a picture setup, not right away, but when they are ready to leave the hospital. POLLITT suggested that they should have one of the local papers come and take a picture of the baby and mother or have all of the papers come and take a few pictures and have it syndicated. POLLITT said that they should consider this matter very carefully.

cc: NY 77-4562 (CARL MARZANI)
NY 100-93519 (BASIL POLLITT)
NY 100 (ALBERT SOCOLOV)
NY 65-12932 (JUDITH COPLON)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58186)

March 17, 1952

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH CORLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet dated March 10, 1952.

Inquiry at the National Headquarters of the American Legation, Washington, D. C., has determined that Mr. KALL BAARSLAG is presently vacationing in Florida. He is expected back in Washington about March 24, 1952, and arrangements have been made to interview him immediately upon his return.

UACB, Mrs. FRANCIS TOFFLER will not be interviewed until the interview with BAARSLAG has been conducted.

TAM:glb

cc: New York (65-14732)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)
SAC, BALTIMORE (65-1634)

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JUDITH COPLON ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau teletype February 13, 1952 and Bureau letter February 13, 1952

Referenced letter with attachment set forth detailed information concerning a letter received at the Bureau signed, "CICADA" who purported to possess information concerning subject.

Indices of the Baltimore Division contain no identifiable information concerning "CICADA". Inquiry at the Post Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland revealed a Mrs. WILLIAM T'LL CLAUDE, Annapolis, Maryland had inquired for the resident agent during the week of February 10. The resident agency was kept open February 16 and 17, 1952; however, no one appeared at the resident agency as set forth in reference letter.

Files of the Baltimore Division reflect that Mrs. W. T. CLAUDE, 117 Central Avenue, Glenburnie, Maryland under date of September 3, 1942 forwarded a letter to the Director requesting an investigator from the Washington Office. This letter also made reference to previous correspondence relating to the war effort.

By letter dated October 20, 1942 Bureau was advised that Mrs. CLAUDE was contacted by an agent of this Division who reported that she had no complaint to make whatsoever of any violation, and that she seemed to be a psychopathic complainant.

The files of the Baltimore Division further reflect that Mrs. CLAUDE during 1950 had contacted the resident agency at Annapolis, Maryland and again was unable to present any matters within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. Mrs. CLAUDE presented a number of allegations concerning members of her family, private papers stolen by members of her family, atomic secrets she had furnished President ROOSEVELT, and a contact by a member of the Secret Service who had complimented her on her secret war work.

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CC: NY (65-14932)

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RE: JUDITH COPLON ET AL
ESP-R

Mrs. CLAUDE also listed a number of prominent people in the State of Maryland whom she maintained had refused to listen to her and as a result she was of the opinion that all politicians and lawyers are crooked.

In view of the above information contained in the files of this Division, UACB no attempt will be made to interview Mrs. CLAUDE, and no further investigation in this matter will be conducted by this office.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

March 26, 1952

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter dated March 10, 1952.

Mr. KARL BAARSLAG, Research Specialist, American Legion, National Headquarters, 1608 K Street, N. W., advised that in January of this year while he was in New York, Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor of the American Legion Magazine, 580 5th Avenue, New York City, told him that his daughter had learned from someone in Washington that the girl who replaced JUDITH COPLON in the Justice Department had been approached by COPLON to furnish to her information from the Department's files.

BAARSLAG stated that when he returned to Washington he telephoned WILLIAM FOLEY, Foreign Agents Registration Section, and gave him the information. FOLEY told BAARSLAG that JUDITH had not been replaced and that her job remained unfilled. BAARSLAG stated that he had called FOLEY because they were friends, having served together in Naval Intelligence during World War II.

BAARSLAG stated that he wrote KEELEY advising of his conversation with FOLEY and requesting further details on the matter. BAARSLAG said that he received a reply from KEELEY who stated that on closer questioning of his daughter the allegation "became very vague and receded into the distance." BAARSLAG said that he thereafter called FOLEY and told him the information had become "nebulous", and that there was nothing to it. Mr. BAARSLAG then stated that he was sorry that the FBI had wasted time checking the story.

BAARSLAG advised that KEELEY's daughter had either been attending school in Washington or was in town for some other reason when she had learned the information. He also stated that KEELEY had given him the name of Mrs. FRANCIS LOEFFLER (telephone number included) as the person to call in Washington for further details. He stated that he had not bothered to call her and did not recall the telephone number. He stated that he did not recall Mrs. LOEFFLER to have been an employee of the Department.

The New York Office is requested to contact Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor, American Legion Magazine, and obtain from him all of the details concerning this matter in order to determine if any additional investigation is warranted.

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CC - NEW YORK (65-14932)

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TITLE: ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV		CHARACTER OF CASE: SECURITY MATTER - C	

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SOCCOLOV married JUDITH COBLON 5/26/50. Member of National Lawyers Guild, 1949. SOCCOLOV identified as being attorney for Civil Rights Congress, 1951.

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DETAILS:

At New York City

BIRTH DATA

Birth Certificate No. 42181 on file at the Brooklyn Bureau of Vital Statistics, checked by SA CHARLES E. LEWIS, reflects that ALBERT HARRY SOCCOLOV was born October 20, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York. His father was BENJAMIN SOCCOLOV and his mother was ROSE BRODSKY, both born in Russia.

MARITAL STATUS

Marriage Certificate No. 8414 on file at the Brooklyn Bureau of Vital Statistics, checked by SA ...

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M. HALL, reflects that a license dated May 26, 1950, was issued to ALBERT H. SOCOLOV and JUDITH COPLON and they were married on May 28, 1950, in Kings County, New York. Rabbi MAX FELSHIN, 62-95 Saunders Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, performed the ceremony and the witnesses were JEROME FINE and PAUL LAZARUS.

The record reflects that SOCOLOV resided at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, was born October 20, 1921, at Brooklyn and his occupation was listed as lawyer. His father was BENJAMIN SOCOLOV and his mother was LOTTIE BRODSKY.

The record further reflects that JUDITH COPLON resided at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. She was born May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York. Her father was SAMUEL M. COPLON, born in the United States and her mother was REBECCA MOROH, born in the United States.

JUDITH COPLON was found guilty June 20, 1949, in the District of Columbia of violating Sections 793 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code.

JUDITH COPLON was convicted in the Southern District of New York March 7, 1950, and was sentenced March 9, 1950, for violating Section 794, Title 18, United States Code and Sections 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code. It should be noted that these convictions involved espionage activities for Soviet Russia.

MILITARY RECORD

Confidential Informant T-2, another government agency maintaining personnel records, advised on June 6, 1951, that SOCOLOV entered active duty in the United States Army May 28, 1943. He served as a First Lieutenant in the 150th Engineer Combat Battalion and he was released from active duty on April 26, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, has advised that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, Army Serial No. 0-1592623, First Lieutenant, CE, USAR, was discharged from his commission in the Officers Reserve Corps and Army of the United States effective April 17, 1951, under provisions of paragraph 6A (11), SR 140-175-1.

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EDUCATION

The following information concerning SOCOLOV was furnished by T-2:

Boy's High School, Brooklyn - 1938
Ohio State University - 1942
New York University Law School - 1948

EMPLOYMENT

On March 12, 1952, inquiry was made at Room 2114 401¹¹¹ Broadway, New York City, and it was ascertained that SOCOLOV maintains an office as an attorney at this address. It was also ascertained that he shares the office with GLORIA AGRIN.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, has advised that GLORIA AGRIN, 297 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, New York, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

The November, 1950, issue of the "New York Guild Lawyer" reflects that GLORIA AGRIN was administrative secretary of the New York chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

The "New York Herald Tribune," May 29, 1950, contains an article which reflects that JUDITH COPLON and SOCOLOV were married the previous day, on May 28, 1950. The article stated that SOCOLOV was an attorney in the firm of Neuburger, Shapiro, Rabinowitz, and Boudin. SAMUEL NEUBURGER and LEONARD BOUDIN, together with SIDNEY BERMAN, were attorneys of record for COPLON in October, 1950.

RESIDENCE

Confidential Informant T-2 supplied the following addresses for SOCOLOV:

1942	101 East 16th Street, Columbus, Ohio
1949	506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York
1950	112 Brighton 11 Street, Brooklyn, New York

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in August, 1951, that SOCOLOV was residing with his brother, IRWIN, at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on March 22, 1952, that SOCOLOV and his wife reside in Apartment 11-E, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant T-6, of Known Reliability

T-6 has advised that SOCOLOV was a member of the National Lawyers Guild and had paid dues through the fiscal year 1946-1947.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of March 29, 1944, page 149.

Confidential Informant T-7, of Known Reliability

T-7 has advised that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild in 1949.

Confidential Informant T-8, of Known Reliability

T-8 advised on February 6, 1950, that ALBERT SOCOLOV New York, New York, signed a brief of Amici Curiae filed February 6, 1950, by HARRY SACHER, et al, lawyers in connection with the appeal of the lawyers and EUGENE DENNIS representing the Communist Party leaders in the case entitled "United States versus WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, et al,"

"Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker" issue of June 6, 1951, page 4, column 3, reflects an article which indicated that ALBERT SOCOLOV, of New York, was an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

ELECTION RECORDS

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Elections, reviewed by SE LAWRENCE CRONON, reflect that SOCOLOV registered

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from 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, in 1948 and 1949 as a member of the American Labor Party. In 1950 he registered from 112 Brighton 11th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and did not indicate a party preference.

The American Labor Party was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 report, pages 40 and 41, as among "organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was furnished by Confidential Informant T-2 and instant investigation:

Name	ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV
Date of Birth	October 20, 1921
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Characteristic	Mole on left cheek (1942)
Occupation	Lawyer
Business address	Room 2114, 401 Broadway, New York City
Next of kin	JUDITH COPLON, wife BENJAMIN SOCOLOV, father, age 64 LOTTIE SOCOLOV, mother, age 59 IRWIN SOCOLOV, brother, age 28 RUTH SOCOLOV, sister, age 25
Army Serial No.	01592623
Social Security Number	053-16-7433

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	<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity There-on</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent who Received</u>	<u>File Number and Location</u>
T-1	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army	1951	5/28/51	Bureau	65-14932-1049
T-2	Selective Service Records, New York City	1951	1951	SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY	100-104803-4, page 6
T-3	Anonymous source, Report of SA DONALD P. ADAMS, February 14, 1951, entitled "National Lawyers Guild, Internal Security - C."				
T-4	Pretext telephone call to the subject at his residence, 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, (MA 5-1758)	8/20/51	8/20/51	SA CHARLES D. SHORES	100-104803-4 page 2
T-5	D. D. DISKIN, United States Post Office, Bay Station, Brooklyn, New York	3/22/52	3/22/52	SA CHARLES D. SHORES	
T-6	Anonymous source as reflected in the report of SA PAUL J. TIERNEY, 4/2/48 at Washington, D. C., entitled "National Lawyers Guild, Internal Security - C."				100-10769-77
T-7	Anonymous source as reflected in the report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50, at Washington Field entitled "National Lawyers Guild, Internal Security - C"				100-10769-28
T-8	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 220px; height: 75px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">[Redacted]</div>	2/6/50	2/6/52	SA FRANCIS P. CARR	Documentary evidence, NY file 69-48-1B6

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MISCELLANEOUS

The following information was furnished by JAMES RANDALL, who was interviewed by SA FRANCIS P. CARR, September 6, 1951. The information concerning the interview is set out in NY 66-6348.

VICTOR JEROME (one of the Communist Party leaders indicted under the Smith Act), secured the services of ALBERT SOCOLOV as a lawyer for JAMES RANDALL when both RANDALL and JEROME were incarcerated at the Federal House of Detention, West Street, New York City, in 1951. At this time JEROME, FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD and AL LANNON attempted to convert RANDALL to Communism. During this time JEROME allegedly talked to RANDALL with the purpose of getting RANDALL to assassinate Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

LEADS

CINCINNATI

At Columbus, Ohio

Will check the subject's record at the Ohio State University for all background information.

Will determine whether the AL SOCOLOW listed as a member of the American Students Alliance and who was reported to be a Communist Party member by Cincinnati informant [] in 1941 is identical with the subject. This lead was set out in New York letter February 14, 1952.

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At New York City

Will follow the recommendation contained in FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES D. SHORES, New York, 9/18/51.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3268)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 23, 1952

On April 17, 1952, BENJAMIN BEDERSON telephonically contacted the Boston Office and stated he had some information of value to the F.B.I.

A review of the files of the Boston Office revealed BEDERSON was interviewed concerning his friendship with DAVID GREENGLASS and the results of this interview were set out in the report of SA JAMES P. LEE dated 2/26/51 at New York, entitled JULIUS ROSENBERG, Etal, ESP.-R.

BEDERSON was interviewed in the Boston Office on the afternoon of April 17, 1952. At this time he related that he is separated from his wife LILA MAZUR BEDERSON and that Mrs. BEDERSON had recently taken up residence at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. Also residing in this apartment building are Mrs. Bederson's sister, ESTHER KAUFMAN and her husband, KARL KAUFMAN. According to BEDERSON, the KAUFMANS are very friendly with another tenant at that address, one BEVERLEY LOURD and her husband SEYMOUR LOURD.

BEDERSON advised that in a recent telephone conversation with his wife he learned that JUDITH COPLON and her husband ALBERT SOCOLOV have secured an apartment at that address and will be moving in in the near future. BEDERSON learned from his wife that BEVERLEY LOURD, an attorney, is very friendly with COPLON and her husband and was instrumental in securing the apartment for COPLON.

BEDERSON stated that he has been engaged in research at M.I.T., but has accepted a position as assistant professor at N.Y.U. beginning in the fall of 1952. BEDERSON stated that in view of his connection with GREENGLASS, he was concerned over his or members of his family also being associated with COPLON. He stated his wife was also concerned over COPLON'S presence in the building.

BEDERSON described the KAUFMANS as being "pink liberals" who were not communists, but who could be very sympathetic to COPLON.

BEDERSON further advised that he would be very happy to cooperate with the F.B.I. in any way and after June, 1952 could be reached in New York through N.Y.U., telephone number Ludlow 4-0700.

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The above information is for any action the N.Y.O.
might desire.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

May 20, 1952

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re WFO letter dated March 26, 1952, requesting the New York Office to interview Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor, American Legion Magazine, in order to determine if information originally supplied by Mr. KARL BAARSLAO, Research Specialist, American Legion National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., warranted additional investigation. Inasmuch as the office of origin and the Bureau have requested no additional investigation by the WFO it is assumed that this phase of the case has been brought to a logical conclusion.

By letter dated March 29, 1952, to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the WFO authorized the removal of the lookout notice which had been maintained on MARINUS JOHANNES REKINIER BORST.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

607 United States Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 4, 1952

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

This will confirm receipt of information concerning
the following telephone numbers:

NO 3-1581 (SIP) *per*

This information was needed in connection with an
official investigation being conduct by this office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

RDR:HAS

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~~SECURITY INFORMATION~~
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/10/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/22;5/29;6/3/52.	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH G. WALSH
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject and husband reside Apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC. Daughter born to subject 2/18/52. Informant says subject's husband was CP member.



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DETAILS:

By letter dated April 23, 1952, the Boston Office advised that on April 17, 1952, BENJAMIN BEDERSON advised that he is separated from his wife, ELILA MAZUR BEDERSON, who is presently residing at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. Also residing in that building are her sister, ESTHER KAUFMAN, and her husband, CARL KAUFMAN. The KAUFMANS are reportedly friendly with BEVERLEY and SEYMOUR LOURD, another tenant at that address, who are reportedly friendly with JUDITH COPLON and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV. Further, BEDERSON reported that the LOURDS were attempting to secure an apartment at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, for the SOCOLOVS.

BEDERSON evidenced the desire to cooperate with the FBI and said that after June, 1952, he could be reached in New York City, through New York University, Telephone Number Ludlow 4-0700.

It is to be noted that BENJAMIN BEDERSON was the friend of DAVID GREENGLASS, who is at present incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on a

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conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The name SOCOLOV appears on the letter box for Apartment 4D at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV occupies Apartment 4D at the above address and has a special non-published telephone, MO 3-1581.

It was previously telephonically reported on February 19, 1952, by Mr. ANTHONY MEZZATESTA, superintendent of 147 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, that JUDITH COPLON and her husband had applied for an apartment at this address. However, the landlord, CLARA AGNELLO, 540 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, New York, had turned down the application.

The writer ascertained, through a telephone conversation with the Information Clerk at the Manhattan General Hospital, New York City, that JUDITH COPLON had given birth to a daughter on February 18, 1952.

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV

Confidential Informant T-2, another Government Agency maintaining personnel records, advised on June 6, 1951, that SOCOLOV entered active duty in the United States Army on May 28, 1943. He served as a First Lieutenant in the 150th Engineer Combat Battalion and was released from active duty on April 26, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-3, another Government Agency which conducts security type investigations, advised that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, Army Serial Number O-1592623, First Lieutenant, CE, USAR, was discharged from his commission in the Officers Reserve Corps, Army of the United States, effective April 17, 1951, under provisions of Paragraph 6A (11), SR 140-175-1.

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Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, upon examining a list of the members of the American Students Alliance, furnished by JOSEPH A. PARK, Dean of Men, Ohio State University, in 1941, advised that AL SOCOLOW, whose name was misspelled on that list and is actually identical with ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV, was known to the informant as a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that SOCOLOV was a member of the National Lawyers Guild and had paid dues through the fiscal year 1946-1947.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities' Report of March 29, 1944, Page 149.

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that on February 6, 1950, ALBERT SOCOLOV, New York, New York, signed a Brief of AMICI CURIAE, filed February 6, 1950, by HARRY SACHER, Etal, lawyers in connection with the appeal of the lawyers representing the Communist Party leaders in the litigation entitled "United States vs WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ETAL".

The "Daily Worker", which is an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of June 6, 1951, Page 4, Column 3, reflected an article which indicated that ALBERT SOCOLOV of New York was an Attorney for the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Elections, Brooklyn, New York, reviewed by SE LAWRENCE CRONIN, reflect that SOCOLOV registered from 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, in 1948 and 1949, as a member of the American Labor Party. In

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1950 he registered from 112 Brighton Eleventh Street, Brooklyn, New York, and did not indicate a Party preference.

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T-1	<div></div>		6/3/52	SE RICHARD D. ROGGE	Instant File
T-2	Selective Service Records, New York City	1951	1951	SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY	100-104803-4, Page 6
T-3	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army	1951	5/28/51	Bureau	65-14932-1049
T-4	<div></div>		April, 1952	SA NOVAL E. CAREY, Cincinnati	100-104803-14
T-5	Anonymous				
T-6	<div></div>	/6/50	2/6/52	SA FRANCIS P. CARR	Documental evidence NY 69-48-1B6

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MISCELLANEOUS

By letter dated March 10, 1952, the Bureau advised that a memorandum was received from Assistant United States Attorney JAMES M. MC INERNEY, dated March 3, 1952, to the effect that KARL BAARSLAG, of the American Legion, advised Mr. FOLEY, of the Internal Security Section of the Department, that a rumor had been received at the American Legion Headquarters that JUDITH COPLON continued to receive, from a female friend in the Department of Justice, the kind of information that she had previously been obtaining and which had formed the basis for the data slips found in her purse at the time of her arrest. He said that the person who made this statement to the American Legion was a Mrs. FRANCIS LOEFFLER of Washington, D. C., who was told of the foregoing by someone whom she knew in the Department of Justice.

By letter dated March 26, 1952, the Washington Field Office advised that Mr. KARL BAARSLAG, Research Specialist, American Legion, National Headquarters, 1608 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., advised that he had learned from Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor of the American Legion Magazine, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York City, that KEELEY'S daughter had learned from someone in Washington that the girl who had replaced JUDITH COPLON in the Justice Department had been approached by COPLON to furnish to her information from the Department's files.

BAARSLAG advised Agents that he had advised his friend, WILLIAM FOLEY, of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, of the foregoing and had been told by FOLEY that JUDITH COPLON had not been replaced and that her job remained unfilled. BAARSLAG added that he communicated with JOSEPH KEELEY as to the comments of Mr. FOLEY, and received a reply from KEELEY to the effect that upon closer questioning of his daughter, "the allegation became very vague and receded into the distance".

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Thereafter BAARSLAG stated he called FOLEY and told him that there was nothing to the information originally received.

Mr. JOSEPH KEELEY, Editor of the American Legion Magazine, was contacted and interviewed by the reporting Agent on April 22, 1952. He reiterated the information as reported by Mr. BAARSLAG, principally to the effect that he was quite certain that there was no substance to the original allegations reported and that he exceedingly regretted the time used by the FBI in checking this out.

By Bureau teletype to Baltimore, dated February 15, 1952, the Bureau advised that they were in receipt of a typewritten letter signed "Cicada", postmarked "Annapolis, Maryland, 8:00 a.m., 2/9/52", as follows:

"Will you please have someone at the local office here Saturday or Sunday and I will call there. I have information anent the JUDITH COPLON case of vital importance. Also, I have other data which should be in your hands at the earliest possible moment. Time is of the essence."

This message had the following paragraph:

"PS. If you will read correspondence, Cicada 50 and 51 --, I have no designs on anyone. PPS. I called there today but there was no one in and was informed that no one had been there for the past several days."

The Bureau advised in this teletype that Bureau files produced no information relative to "Cicada".

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By letter dated March 14, 1952, the Baltimore Office advised that its indices contained no identifiable information concerning "Cicada". Inquiry at the Post Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland, revealed that a Mrs. WILLIAM TELL CLAUDE, Annapolis, Maryland, had inquired for the FBI Resident Agent there during the week of February 10, 1952.

Mrs. CLAUDE was known to the Baltimore Office as a frequent complainant, presenting varied allegations relative to members of her family, private papers stolen by members of her family, atomic secrets furnished President ROOSEVELT, and a contact by the Secret Service, who had complimented her on her secret war work.

In view of the foregoing, no additional investigation was conducted in this matter.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York City, New York

Will, in accordance with referenced Bureau letter, report more completely the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of JOSEPH C. WALSH, New York, 1/7/52.
Bureau letter to New York, 2/1/52.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)
 FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: June 9, 1952

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. WHELAN
MR. HARGETT
MR. LESPIE
MR. HAMILTON
MR. LEVITT
MR. MARCHESSAULT
MR. McANDREWS
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. RAGAN
MR. SPENCER
MR. WALSH
MR. WILLIS
MR. WOHL
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

ReBulet February 1, 1952, in this case directing that an additional report should be submitted.

This should be done immediately, incorporating any other data which has come to your attention during recent months concerning the subject and her husband. The lead set forth in WFO memorandum of March 26, 1952, to interview Mr. Joseph Keeley should be covered immediately and both the Bureau and WFO advised of the results.

cc: 2 - Washington Field (65-5198)

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Collins [Signature]

Director, FBI (65-58365)

June 24, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON
ESP-R

Rebulet 6/9/52.

The information requested by this letter has been submitted to the Bureau in the report of SA Joseph C. Walsh, 6/10/52, in this case. No additional report is being submitted at this time. This case is currently maintained in a pending inactive status.

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SAC, Miami (106-0)

September 9, 1952

Director, FBI (100-19191)

MARINUS JOHANNES REINIER BORST, wa.,
Maurice Borst
SECURITY MATTER - X

Re Miami memo dated August 19, 1952.

The report of SA Thomas A. Mendenhall, dated December 28, 1950, Washington, D. C., in the case captioned, "Judith Coplon, Espionage - R." reflects a lookout notice on Borst was placed with the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C. A memorandum to the Washington Field Office dated May 20, 1952, in the Coplon Case reflects the lookout notice on Borst was cancelled by letter to the Commissioner of INS dated March 29, 1952.

The attention of the Miami Office is directed to the report of SA J. Richard Butts, dated January 18, 1952, Miami, in the Coplon Case, which reflects the results of an interview with Borst.

cc - 2 - Washington Field
2 - New York

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J. M. Collins JMC

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: JUDITH COPLON was

*Espionage - R.*This Office File 65-14932
Bufile 65-58365

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: C/o Mrs. Samuel Coplon,
178 Ocean Parkway, Bklyn., N.Y.

Employment: None

Address:

Remarks: Bklyn. #70 Photo

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: *Ap + 4D - 185 Claremont Ave*
NYC

Employment: *Housewife*

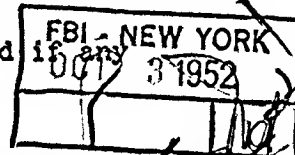
Address: *Same as above*

Verified by: *John M. Collins*

Method of Verification: *Pretext telephone call*

Date: *10/3/52*

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.



Director, FBI (65-58365)

November 3, 1952

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

Y The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Housewife

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue

New York, N.Y.

JMC:mat

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AIR-TEL

NEW YORK
1/6/53

BUREAU

VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, ESPIONAGE DASH R. ON JANUARY SIXTH INSTANT WILLIAM MICHAELFELDER OF THE "NY WORLD TELEGRAM SUN" ADVISED THAT ONE JOSEPH M. KAUFER, OF NYC, WAS BROUGHT TO HIS OFFICE BY ONE LESLIE KUHN, A ~~PRESENT~~ ^{PRESS} AGENT WHOM MICHAELFELDER HAS KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS. KAUFER ADVISED THAT HE IS WRITING A BOOK BASED ON THE DIARY OF VALENTINE GUBITCHEV ENTITLED "THE WOMAN ALWAYS PAYS." KAUFER SAID HE HAD OBTAINED THE DIARY FROM A MOVING VAN MAN IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY. THE MOVING VAN MAN FORMERLY WORKED FOR KAUFER. THE MAN TOLD KAUFER THAT HE WAS MOVING THE FURNITURE OF GUBITCHEV WHO WAS RETURNING TO RUSSIA. THE MAN TOLD KAUFER THAT HE HAD FOUND A DIARY PRESUMABLY WRITTEN BY GUBITCHEV IN THE CELLAR OF THE HOUSE WHERE GUBITCHEV RESIDED. KAUFER GAVE MICHAELFELDER A TRANSCRIPT OF EIGHTY FIVE DOUBLE SPACED TYPEWRITTEN PAGES WHICH HE STATED WAS TRANSLATION OF PARTS OF THE FOUR HUNDRED PAGE DIARY WRITTEN BY GUBITCHEV. HE STATED HE HAD CHANGED SEVERAL PARTS OF THE DIARY INCLUDING GUBITCHEV'S NAME, WHOM HE REFERS TO AS VASSILIJ GRUBICH. AT THIS TIME KAUFER GAVE MICHAELFELDER A COPY OF A PUBLISHED BOOK ENTITLED "CAME BACK WITH THE WIND" WRITTEN BY

2 - BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL)

TSM:PJS (#6)
NY 65-14939

cc: ① - NY 65-14932 (JUDITH COPLON)

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KAUFER. KAUFER TOLD MICHAELFELDER HE HAD PAID PUBLISHING COMPANY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PUBLISH THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED COPIES OF THIS BOOK. ON REAR COVER OF BOOK THERE IS SET OUT A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF KAUFER AND THE LAST PARAGRAPH STATED THAT HE HAD COMPLETED A SECOND NOVEL CALLED "THE WOMAN WHO ALWAYS PAYS" WHICH "IS BASED ON THE EXPERIENCES OF VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, WHO CAME TO NATIONAL ATTENTION AS THE MAN IN THE JUDITH COPLON ESPIONAGE CASE. MICHAELFELDER STATED THAT BOTH THE PUBLISHED BOOK AND THE TRANSCRIPTION WERE VERY NAIVE AND CHILDISH, AND HE WAS OF THE FIRM OPINION THAT KAUFER WAS TRYING TO GET THE "NY WORLD TELEGRAM SUN" TO PLUG BOTH BOOKS. WITH REFERENCE TO TRANSCRIPT OF BOOK ALLEGEDLY BASED ON GUBITCHEV'S DIARY, THE FIRST EIGHTY ONE PAGES ALLEGEDLY DEALS WITH GUBITCHEV'S LIFE IN RUSSIA, AND THE LAST FOUR PAGES DEAL WITH HIS EXPERIENCES UPON ARRIVING IN US IN JANUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY NINE. THE ACCOUNT OF HOW HE MET COPLON AND RECRUITED HER AS A SOVIET AGENT IS NOT ONLY INACCURATE, BUT ALSO HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE ALLEGEDLY MET COPLON FOR FIRST TIME IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY NINE ON A TRAIN BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NY, AND SEVERAL DAYS LATER HAD ALREADY GOTTEN THE FIRST SECRET DOCUMENT FROM HER. GUBITCHEV AND COPLON WERE SEEN TOGETHER IN NY BY FBI AGENTS FOR FIRST TIME JANUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN

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HUNDRED FORTY NINE, SO STATEMENT IN BOOK IS NOT TRUE. GUBITCHEV ACTUALLY ARRIVED IN US IN NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. TRANSCRIPTION HAS HIM ARRIVING JANUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY NINE WITH WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER. MICHAELFELDER STATED THAT KAUFER, AFTER TALKING WITH HIM, BECAME VERY WORRIED ABOUT HAVING TOLD MICHAELFELDER THE BASIS FOR HIS NEW BOOK FOR FEAR OF REPRISALS BY RUSSIANS AND COMMUNISTS, AND LATER MRS. KAUFER CALLED MICHAELFELDER IN A RATHER HYSTERICAL CONDITION ABOUT HAVING DISCLOSED THE INFORMATION TO HIM. KAUFER ASKED MICHAELFELDER TO KEEP THIS INFO IN CONFIDENCE, BUT REFUSED TO BRING ALLEGED DIARY TO "NY WORLD TELEGRAM SUN" OFFICES. HE OFFERED TO LET MICHAELFELDER LOOK AT IT. MICHAELFELDER STATED "NY WORLD TELEGRAM SUN" HAS CHECKED KAUFER'S BACKGROUND AND FOUND THAT HE IS A MAN OF SUBSTANTIAL MEANS, OWNS PROPERTY, IS A FORMER OPERATOR OF A MOVING VAN COMPANY, AND HOLDS A US PATENT ON SECTIONAL FURNITURE. MICHAELFELDER SERIOUSLY DOUBTS THAT DIARY IS IN EXISTENCE, BUT IS STILL RELUCTANT ABOUT DIRECT APPROACH TO KAUFER BY FBI TO OBTAIN DIARY IN VIEW OF KAUFER TELLING MICHAELFELDER OF THIS IN CONFIDENCE. MICHAELFELDER SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE RUSSIAN SPEAKING AGENT ACCOMPANY HIM TO KAUFER'S HOUSE AS A REPORTER IN ORDER TO LOOK AT DIARY. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR A RUSSIAN SPEAKING AGENT TO ACCOMPANY MICHAELFELDER TO KAUFER'S RESIDENCE

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IN ORDER TO LOOK AT THE DIARY. KAUFER'S RESIDENCE IS AT
EIGHT ONE SEVEN RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC. NO RECORD NYO INDICIES
KAUFER. NY WILL MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER CONTACT
ALTHOUGH NYO OF OPINION THAT STORY OF GURITCHEN-
KAUFER RELATIONSHIP AS SET FORTH IN ALLEGED DIARY IS HIGHLY
FANTASTIC. GORLON NOT REFERRED TO BY NAME IN TRANSCRIPT.

BOARDMAN

DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14939)

VALENTIN A. GUBITCHEV
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Re NYtel 1/6/53.

On 1/4/53 SA T. Scott Miller, NYO, contacted Mr. William Michaelfelder, a reporter for the New York "World-Telegram & Sun," at the request of Frederick Woltman, the Communist specialist for the instant newspaper.

Mr. Michaelfelder advised that by letter dated December 29, 1952, one Leslie Kuhn, a press agent, told Michaelfelder that he would like to see him. Michaelfelder stated that Kuhn claimed to have offices at 103 Park Avenue, New York City, under the name of International Press Association, Murray Hill 3-9989. Michaelfelder stated that actually, mail addressed as such went to a mail receiving service and was held there for Kuhn and that the telephone number was a telephone answering service. Michaelfelder said that the few times he wanted to get in touch with Kuhn he waited quite some time before the answering service could get in touch with Kuhn.

Continuing, Michaelfelder stated that several days later Kuhn showed up at the "World-Telegram & Sun" offices with one JOSEPH M. KAUFER, the latter claiming to have in his possession a diary of VALENTIN GUBITCHEV. KAUFER told Michaelfelder that he resided at 817 Riverside Drive, was a man of some means and had taken up writing. Michaelfelder stated KAUFER at that time presented Michaelfelder with an autographed book entitled, "Came Back With the Wind," by JOSEPH M. KAUFER. Michaelfelder stated KAUFER also had with him an 85-page manuscript which the latter claimed to be a translation of a several-hundred page diary written in Russian which had been written by VALENTIN GUBITCHEV and which had been found in the basement of the house where GUBITCHEV lived.

KAUFER explained to Michaelfelder that he had substituted fictitious names for those of GUBITCHEV and COPLON. KAUFER said he intended to publish this manuscript into a book and would entitle it "The Woman Always Pays".

Michaelfelder asked KAUFER if he would bring the original diary to the office whereupon KAUFER became very excited and stated he could not let the diary out of his possession but would agree to allow Michaelfelder to go to KAUFER'S house and examine the diary. KAUFER then indicated he was a little concerned about having told Michaelfelder about the existence of the diary.

Michaelfelder said that later in the day he received a telephone call from Mrs. KAUFER who was rather hysterical and told him she was very worried about her husband having told Michaelfelder the basis for KAUFER'S new book

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for fear of reprisals by the Russians and Communists. KAUFER had also been concerned about this when he was at the newspaper office.

Michaelfelder stated the newspaper had checked KAUFER'S background to a limited extent and they had found he was a man of substantial means, owned several pieces of property, formerly operated a moving van company and held a U.S. patent on sectional furniture.

Michaelfelder stated it was quite obvious to him the main purpose of KAUFER'S visit to the "World-Telegram & Sun" office was to try to get that paper to "plug" the recently published book of KAUFER and the one he was going to publish, "The Woman Always Pays".

Michaelfelder stated he had read the book, "Came Back With the Wind" and he stated it was very childishly written and found that the manuscript of "The Woman Always Pays" was more so.

Michaelfelder agreed to furnish this office temporarily with the manuscript and the published book and requested that agents not approach KAUFER directly because KAUFER insisted that his visit to Michaelfelder be held in strictest confidence.

Michaelfelder said he would be glad, however, to allow a Russian speaking agent to accompany him to KAUFER'S residence posing as another reporter for the purpose of examining the diary.

The biographical sketch on the back cover of the book, "Came Back With the Wind" indicated KAUFER was born in Hungary on April 2, 1888. He went to Yugoslavia in 1908 where he worked as a railroad conductor until 1918. During this period he became acquainted with the exploits of American aviators in World War I which he said suggested the chief characters in the instant book. In 1921 he immigrated to America and established a furniture moving business. Difficulty in handling heavy overstuffed furniture gave him the idea of dividing larger pieces and thereby became the inventor of sectional furniture. He was granted a patent on July 20, 1937.

In 1932 KAUFER organized an import business and because of his knowledge of spices served as special food adviser for the "New York Times," "New York Herald Tribune" and the "World Telegram". It was stated the book was originally written in Hungarian and KAUFER was assisted in the translation by Dr. Charles Foelgy.

The last paragraph on the biographical sketch stated:

"Mr. Kaufer has also completed a second novel, 'The Woman Always Pays' which is based on the experiences of Valentin Gubitchev who came to national attention as 'the man' in the Judith Coplon espionage case."

The synopsis of the book indicates it is a romantic novel about an American fighter pilot who crashed in Croatia in 1918. The pilot was Thomas Marwells. In a footnote of the book there was a certification by Thomas and Shirley Marwells giving KAUFER permission to write and publish their biographies. KAUFER claimed to have been well acquainted with them during the period of this book. The book was published by Vantage Press, Inc., 120 West 31st Street, New York City, copyrighted 1952 by JOSEPH M. KAUFER.

The manuscript of "The Woman Always Pays" was read by SA T. Scott Miller and it was noted the first two pages deal with the alleged manner in which KAUFER happened upon the diary of VASSILIJ GRUBICH (VALENTIN GUBITCHEV). It will be noted that only the last three pages deal with GRUBICH'S alleged activity in the U.S., and it will be noted that the manner in which GUBITCHEV recruited COPLON is indeed highly imaginative as well as inaccurate. It seems GRUBICH had a power to hypnotize people which he utilized throughout his life and which power he used to recruit the woman referred to as JULIA MORTON.

A copy of the manuscript is being enclosed for the Bureau's information.

Michaelfelder was contacted on January 7, 1953 at which time the manuscript and the book were returned to him. He was requested to contact KAUFER and make arrangements for inspection of the diary. Michaelfelder subsequently contacted SA Miller and stated that when he called KAUFER the latter was very nervous and stated he had already sold the manuscript to Hearst King Features Syndicate for \$5,000.00 and that he was sending someone to the "World-Telegram & Sun" office to pick up the manuscript of "The Woman Always Pays".

In view of the highly imaginative contents of the manuscript as well as the apparent inaccuracies therein it is not deemed advisable that any further inquiry be made in this matter.

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TO : SAC (65-14932)

FROM : SA Heinz H. Eisele

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON;
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DATE: 5/15/53

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The following appeared in the editorial column of the Poughkeepsie "New Yorker" newspaper dated 5/14/53 under the heading of "Holes in Espionage Law".

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"Then, too, there are severe legal limits today on the admissibility of evidence, like that obtained in wire tapping. These restrictions have handicapped the Government in prosecuting Judith Coplon, former FBI worker charged with passing secrets to Russia. A feeling exists that authorities ought to have more leeway when national security is at stake."

A copy of the editorial is being forwarded to the New York Office.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-14939)³²

DATE: May 7, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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The Bureau at this time desires an up-to-date report in this case which will cover the subject's present activities and the activities of her husband. As you probably have noted from press accounts, the Criminal Division has been giving some consideration to a retrial of Judith Coplon in Washington, D. C. The Criminal Division is desirous of first passing wiretapping legislation which would, if possible, keep that issue from again arising in any retrial.

A report, prepared by the New York Office, should reach the Bureau not later than June 1, 1953. — make dead
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TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: May 7, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Inasmuch as there have been no recent submissions to the Laboratory in this case, the specimens listed below, which were submitted by your office, are returned herewith.

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SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON;

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Editorial appearing in the Poughkeepsie
New Yorker, dated 5/14/53, entitled
"Holes in Espionage Law."

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. CROSBY, 5/21/53, I telephonically contacted CHARLES G. MURRAY, Editorial Director of the Poughkeepsie New Yorker and mentioned instant editorial to him. While I held the phone, Mr. MURRAY got a copy of the editorial. I then specifically pointed out to him the inaccuracy of the statement "--JUDITH COPLON, former FBI worker--". I advised Mr. MURRAY that JUDITH COPLON was never in the employ of the FBI but was instead in the employ of the U. S. Department of Justice. Mr. MURRAY stated he very much regretted the inaccuracy and without my saying anything about a retraction, stated he would see to it that a correction was printed. He stated he was very pleased that I had called him on the matter and stated that actually, the editorial in question had been taken from a "canned" editorial but that he didn't know whether the "canned" editorial also had the inaccurate statement. I asked him about the source of the "canned" editorial and he stated he didn't know at the moment. Since he didn't volunteer, in response to my question, the source of the editorial, I didn't pursue it further. He was most congenial and sincerely acted as though he were very pleased to have me bring it to his attention. I have always found him to be congenial and cooperative in my conversations with him in the past.

I instructed Senior Resident Agent TRENWITH BASFORD to follow the Poughkeepsie New Yorker paper closely and as soon as any correction or retraction appeared in the newspaper to immediately call it to my attention and I will thereafter bring it to the Bureau's attention.

Enclosed is the editorial in question.

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TO : FILE (65-14932)

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON;
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With reference to the editorial appearing in the Poughkeepsie New Yorker, dated 5/14/53, entitled "Holes in Espionage" I telephonically apprised Mr. CROSBY at the Bureau of the receipt of said editorial and apprised him of the statement contained therein "--JUDITH COPLON, former FBI worker--".

Mr. CROSBY stated to await Bureau instructions prior to my contact with CHARLES G. MURRAY, Editorial Director of the aforementioned newspaper. I informed Mr. CROSBY that I was acquainted with Mr. MURRAY and would contact him relative to the inaccuracy. In view of Bureau instructions, no action will be taken, pending further Bureau advice on the matter.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: May 23 1953

FROM : SA John J. Danahy

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 4:30 PM on this date SA Heinz H. Eisele, Poughkeepsie RA called re a retraction published in today's Poughkeepsie New Yorker on an editorial of 5/14/53 referring to the subject as a "former FBI worker". Mr. Boardman had called this error to the attention of this newspaper.

The retraction, printed on page 2, col. 5 of today's issue of the paper is as follows:

" NOT WITH FBI"

"The attention of the Poughkeepsie New Yorker has been called by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the fact that Judith Coplon referred to in an editorial on May 14th as "a former FBI worker" was in fact never an FBI employee. She was a clerk in the Department of Justice"

At the request of SA Eisele, the retraction was telephonically furnished to SAC Boardman at 6:10 PM this date.

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SAC, NYC (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE R

Re mylet 5/22/53 concerning editorial appearing in the Poughkeepsie "NEW YORKER" dated 5/14/53 entitled "HOLES IN ESPIONAGE LAW". A retraction appeared in the Poughkeepsie "NEW YORKER" on 5/23/53. The retraction was printed on page 2, column 5, and is as follows:

"NOT WITH FBI"

"The attention of the Poughkeepsie New Yorker has been called by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the fact that Judith Coplon, referred to in an editorial on May 14th as 'a former FBI worker', was in fact never an FBI employee. She was a clerk in the Department of Justice."

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, husband and infant daughter continue to reside Apt. 4-D, 185 Claremont Ave., NYC. Subject's occupation, housewife. Husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, attorney, 305 Broadway, NYC.

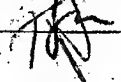
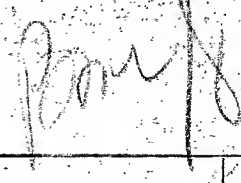
DETAILS:

Dr. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, Physics Department, Butler Hall, New York University, 100 Wick Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA JOHN G. WILLIS and the writer on May 26, 1953 that his wife, LILA MAZUR BEDERSON, had resided with her sister, ESTHER KAUFMAN, at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, and that the subject, JUDITH COPLON, her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, and their infant daughter, age one, resided in Apartment 4-D at the same address.

Dr. BEDERSON stated that it was his understanding from remarks made to him by his wife that the subject has been occupied as a housewife and mother and has continuously resided in Apartment 4-D at the above address.

It is to be noted that the name SOCOLOV appears on the letter box for Apartment 4-D at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

It is also to be noted that the records at the Manhattan General Hospital, New York City, reflect that JUDITH COPLON gave birth to a daughter on February 18, 1952.

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Confidential Informant T-1, who has a knowledge of SOCCOLOV'S profession, advised on May 27, 1953 that ALBERT H. SOCCOLOV was engaged in the general practice of law on that date at 305 Broadway, New York City, telephone REctor 2-4147.

It is also to be noted that Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that SOCCOLOV was a member of the National Lawyers Guild and had paid dues through the fiscal year 1946-1947.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report on March 29, 1944, page 149.

The "Daily Worker", which is an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of June 6, 1951, page 4, column three, reflected an article which indicated that ALBERT SOCCOLOV of New York was an attorney for the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Will, in accordance with referenced Bureau letter, continue to report the activities of subject and subject's husband.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 5/7/53.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 6/9/53

FROM : SA T. SCOTT MILLER

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON (65-14932)
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On 6/9/53 AUSA John Foley, SDNY, telephonically asked the name of JUDITH COPLON'S husband. I told him it was ALBERT SOCOLOV.

AUSA Foley stated the reason he wanted it was that he had received a list of attorneys in connection with an inquiry Senator McCarthy was making of alleged Communist and pro-Communist attorneys and he, Foley, noticed a number of attorneys in New York who had been associated with Communists had been left off the list.

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ALEXANDER DANIEL PARKAS,
aka Samuel A. Parkas
AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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ALEXANDER DANIEL PARKAS, residence The Majestic Apartments, 1250 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., employed as Aeronautical Engineer, Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of the Navy, was interviewed 6/10/53 at the Washington Field Office by Special Agents EDWARD FLETCHER, JR. and THOMAS A. WENCKHALL.

PARKAS admitted that while a student at the City College of New York he had attended a number of meetings of the Young Communist League at the school. He stated that these meetings were well publicized and open, and were well attended by students at the school. He estimated that he had attended no more than a half dozen of these meetings, primarily during his sophomore year, and said that he did not actually become a member of this organization, or actively participate in any of its programs and activities. He stated that at the time he merely had an intellectual curiosity concerning the Young Communist League and attended the meetings just to listen to the speakers. He stated that at all meetings of the Young Communist League he did receive some of their literature which was passed out, but did not recall ever having received any of their literature through the mail.

PARKAS advised that while at CCNY he agreed with many of the principles advocated by the Young Communist League, such as their ideas concerning more liberal labor policies, their views of unemployment, unemployment insurance, social security and the Spanish Civil War question. He recalled that on one occasion a number of CCNY students had been expelled for having participated in a "peace demonstration" on the campus and that the Young Communist League was most active in doing this. He stated that he was along with the school's action. He stated that he was along with the Young Communist League's attitude in this matter.

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PARKAS advised that he was not in agreement with all Young Communist League policies, pointing out that he did not agree with this organization's feeling that the Soviet Union could do no wrong. He stated that, at meetings of the YCL, he never expressed this disagreement but that in informal discussion groups with other students, during which the subject of Communism was brought up, he expressed the belief that the Soviet Union could do no wrong.

In connection with the American Lincoln Brigade, PARKAS stated that he realized that a large number of the members were Communists but that he sympathized with the Brigade because they were fighting in support of the Spanish Loyalists. In connection with the Spanish Loyalists, PARKAS stated that he might have participated in one or two pre-loyalist mass demonstrations during the time of his attendance at YCL. He thought that he made "small change" contributions to the loyalist cause at that time.

PARKAS admitted that he was sympathetic to the Communist Party in 1942 because he agreed with the Communists in their thinking concerning politics, unemployment, racial equality, labor unions and social security. He stated that he had always been on the side of labor but that he was not anti-capitalism, believing, however, in a more equal distribution of wealth. PARKAS advised that he never completely agreed with the theory of Communism in that he did not believe that revolution was inevitable because of the class between labor and capitalism. He stated that he had always believed that social change could be brought about by peaceful means.

PARKAS advised that he did not recall having signed any CP Nominating Petition during 1949 or 1950 and that he did not recall his mother having signed such a petition. He stated that he may have signed one but that he did not recall ever having signed such a petition.

PARKAS stated that he is not now and has never been a member of the CP or any CP sponsored organization. He stated that he had attended no meetings of groups of this type since leaving CSM. In discussing his own political leanings at this

that he would classify himself as a "liberal" and agreed to refrain but not to the revolutionary theory of change.

FARNS advised that he disagreed with the Russian-Communist Party entered into in 1932 because he disliked the policies of Germany at that time. He recalled discussing the fact with JULIUS ROSENBERG who he stated offered all kinds of excuses for the Party, saying that the Russians had entered into it because England and France had refused to enter into such a pact with Russia, and that Russia was trying to prevent England and France from "ganging up" on her. He stated that at this time he considered ROSENBERG to be very pro-Russian and pro-Communist but that he never knew ROSENBERG to have been a member of any of any of these organizations.

With regard to JULIUS ROSENBERG, FARNS advised that he believed he had first met ROSENBERG when they were young boys together residing on the lower east side of Manhattan, New York. FARNS stated that at that time he would have been approximately fifteen years old and that ROSENBERG was about twelve years of age. He said that he did not recall any activities engaged in with ROSENBERG at that time but that he might have played baseball with him.

FARNS stated that he moved from the lower east side of New York City in about 1932, moving at that time into the Bronx. He said that he next came in contact with ROSENBERG at CNY, having probably made contact with him there through association in classes in which they participated together. He stated that he did not recall having seen ROSENBERG at the time that he, FARNS, attended Central Park High School in New York City.

FARNS stated that at CNY he knew ROSENBERG well during the latter part of his engineering career during which time he and ROSENBERG attended some classes in engineering together. FARNS said that he began college as a science major and then switched to mechanical engineering. He stated that ROSENBERG was in the Mechanical Engineering Department at CNY. FARNS advised that the extent of his association with ROSENBERG at CNY consisted of their meeting in and outside the classroom around the school. He said that while attending CNY

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not associate socially with [redacted]. He mentioned that while he was going to CCNY he resided at 233 Davidson Avenue in the Bronx and he presumed that [redacted] was still residing on the same side.

PARKAS advised that while at [redacted] he belonged to an engineering society at the school, name unrecalled, and that ROSENBERG may also have been a member. [redacted] further stated that he had been a member of the American Society of Engineers.

Concerning ROSENBERG's political ideology PARKAS advised that ROSENBERG followed the [redacted] line in his statements made in discussion groups at CCNY. He pointed out that most of the students in attendance at CCNY at that time were in favor of the Spanish Loyalists and that [redacted] was also in favor of the Loyalists. He further stated that at that time from [redacted] conversations with ROSENBERG, he considered him to be pro-Communist and a Communist sympathizer. He advised that he did not know if ROSENBERG had been a member of the [redacted] or if he had ever attended any YCL meetings while at [redacted].

PARKAS advised that after graduating from CCNY he went over across ROSENBERG at the offices of the [redacted] Architects, Engineers, Chemists and [redacted] where they both did voluntary clerical work for this organization. He stated that at the offices of the [redacted] he and [redacted] took a course in Aeronautical Drafting at the same time. He stated that this course was taught by [redacted], [redacted] by PARKAS to have been previously employed with the [redacted] Airplane Company. PARKAS advised that WILLIAMS had advised him that he was a member of the [redacted] Brigade. He stated that he had no knowledge of WILLIAMS having signed a CP petition in 1939.

PARKAS advised that toward the end of 1936 he learned that WILLIAMS had organized the [redacted] Aeronautics [redacted] Laboratory located on West 25th Street, New York City. [redacted] that he asked WILLIAMS for a job there and after securing [redacted] with WILLIAMS learned that [redacted] was also employed by [redacted].

He explained that WILLIAMS had an idea of designs embodying a conventional method of propulsion of aircraft in which he advocated the placing of propellers at the top of the plane. PARKAS advised that at the Williams Research Laboratory he assisted in the design of an airplane in which this idea was to be incorporated, noting that while he was there a scale model fuselage which operated with an electric motor was built. PARKAS stated that WILLIAMS had only a small organization working for him, including PARKAS, ROSENBERG, and others, whose names he did not recall, and an electrical engineer from Canada, also name unrecalled. He advised that his employment with WILLIAMS was only part time and that his salary was at first set at \$30.00 a week but later he received nothing, mentioning that WILLIAMS employees frequently had to donate money to WILLIAMS to help keep him operating. PARKAS stated that he continued this employment with WILLIAMS for between six and eight months.

PARKAS advised that in 1940 he secured a position as an inspector of ordnance materials with the U. S. Army and moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut. He stated that while he employed he on occasions went to New York on weekends where he would telephone ROSENBERG and on several occasions get together with him. He stated that during this period they were still both mutually interested in the WILLIAMS project. PARKAS advised that during this time he visited the WILLIAMS home on one or two occasions.

PARKAS advised that in 1941 he obtained employment with the Air Force Technical Training Command in Illinois where he taught aircraft maintenance. He admitted that while in Illinois he corresponded "once in a while" with WILLIAMS. He stated that toward the end of 1942 he came home to the State of New York still with the Air Force and began teaching at Yale University. He stated that while at Yale he saw ROSENBERG once or twice but lost all contact with him sometime in 1944.

Regarding visits to the WILLIAMS home PARKAS stated that he specifically recalled visiting WILLIAMS' home on one occasion shortly after ROSENBERG had taken over an apartment in

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Monroe Street in New York City. He recalled that the last time he visited ROSENBERG at his home was in 1942 at which time the ROSENBERGS had a new baby a few months old.

PARKAS advised that ROSENBERG had never asked him for any information during any of his contacts with him between 1940 and 1942 because ROSENBERG knew he was only concerned with aircraft maintenance "mostly nuts and bolts", and ROSENBERG would not have been interested in this. PARKAS said that the highest classification of material on which he worked at that time was "restricted".

PARKAS advised that he came to Washington, D.C. in 1944 to work for the Navy Department and that he had no contact of any kind with ROSENBERG since he had been in Washington, D.C. He stated that he had not seen, corresponded with, or heard any thing about ROSENBERG from 1942 or 1943 until he read in the newspapers in 1950 that ROSENBERG had been arrested for espionage.

PARKAS advised that he used ROSENBERG as a reference in 1944 in connection with his present employment because he thought that ROSENBERG was working for the Government at that time and so thought he would make a good reference. In this connection he pointed out that ROSENBERG had been employed with him at the Williams Research Laboratory.

PARKAS advised that he was acquainted with FRANK ROSENBERG. He stated that he did not recall when he first met her but that it was either while she was "going steady" with ROSENBERG, or after they were married. He stated that in addition to seeing her at the ALX-2010 home he had seen her around the offices of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and at the Williams Research Laboratory.

Regarding VERA ELITCHER, PARKAS stated that he was slightly and casually acquainted with her at ONR, and later came in contact with her at the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. He stated that he frequently saw her in the lunchroom in the Navy Department and once or twice lunched with her there. He stated that this was the extent of his association with ELITCHER.

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PARKAS stated that he was personally acquainted with MORTON SOBELL at NY but that he had not seen or had any contact with him since college days.

PARKAS stated that he was not acquainted with ALFRED SARANT, WILLIAM FINE, DAVID OR..., HARRY GOLD or ABRAHAM FUCHSON.

Concerning ROSENBERG's trial and sentence PARKAS advised that he supposed ROSENBERG was guilty because the trial was so indicated but that he thought the sentence meted out was pretty drastic. He added that he is opposed to violence and to capital punishment. PARKAS advised that he had not been contacted by the ROSENBERG Committee and that he would take no action whatsoever in protest against the ROSENBERG's sentence.

With regard to PARKAS's union, PARKAS advised that he knew him, having attended classes at NY in which both POGARSKY and ROSENBERG were also in attendance. He stated that POGARSKY was also a member of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians and had also worked for PAUL WILLIAMS at the Williams Perpetration Research Laboratory on West 26th Street in New York City. In connection with the Federation, PARKAS stated that it was made up of a heterogeneous group of both radical and conservative members. He stated that he dropped out of this union when he began working at Yale University in 1942. PARKAS described POGARSKY as a close friend and associate of ROSENBERG, pointing out that they were both married, and visited in each other's homes. He stated that POGARSKY was not in his opinion as pro-CP as ROSENBERG but was sympathetic to Russia and thought that the Communists had a great deal to their credit doing a necessary job in their advocacy of certain reforms. He added, however, that he did not know of any connections which POGARSKY had with the CP or any Communist front organizations. Regarding his own acquaintance with POGARSKY, PARKAS advised that he knew him rather casually, never having corresponded with him and not knowing him socially.

Concerning JUDITH COPLON, PARKAS advised that in the summer of 1947 he and a fellow employee at the Bureau of Accounting, Department of the Navy, named IRVING HOFFMAN, went to a summer camp operated by the Potomac Cooperative Federation near Annapolis, Maryland. He stated that they spent one week at this camp during which time a great deal of leisure time was used in repairing HOFFMAN'S Oldsmobile. He stated that they had put new rings in this automobile and had reconditioned the engine. PARKAS advised that there was nothing much to do at camp but mentioned that there was square dancing, boating and swimming in which activities he participated to some extent. He stated that the camp was made up mostly of married couples and that there were only about two single girls there. He stated that one of the single girls was JUDITH COPLON, but said that when the publicity concerning her Soviet espionage activities appeared in the newspapers in 1949 he did not recognize either her picture or her name. He said that HOFFMAN, however, called to his attention that COPLON was the same girl who was at the camp and who along with another girl, had driven back with them to Washington, D.C. PARKAS advised that at the camp COPLON was spending her time mostly with one man whose name he did not recall. He stated that he had a recollection of seeing COPLON in a bathing suit and that he might have seen and spoken to her but could not specifically recall it. He advised that in some manner COPLON and the other single girl whose name he did not recall, (MARIE HIGDON) learned that he and HOFFMAN were driving back to Washington about the last Sunday in August and asked HOFFMAN to take them back with him, which he did. PARKAS said that he did not recall where they dropped the girls in Washington but that a short time later, probably within one or two weeks, one of the girls called HOFFMAN and invited them to a dinner at COPLON'S apartment located some place in Georgetown. He stated that he and HOFFMAN attended the dinner, details of which he could not now recall, and thereafter never saw either of the girls again.

PARKAS stated that he did not think that HOFFMAN had had any subsequent association with either COPLON or her friend, adding that the other girl was not actually a friend of COPLON but had gotten together with her on the automobile ride from the camp to Washington, D.C. and assisted in giving the dinner at COPLON'S apartment to, in a manner, repay them for the ride.

Director, FBI (100-335)
SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re O-1 form dated 5/31/53 requesting information as to caption used when reporting action taken relative to the telephone conversation between Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols and SA Joseph T. Genco on 4/20/53, and telephone call between Inspector Carl Hemrich of the Bureau and SA Joseph T. Genco on 6/15/53, in which SA Genco pointed out that the entire matter had been handled under caption "DOROTHY AND DICK RADIO PROGRAM, BROADCAST 6:15 P.M., RADIO STATION WOR, NYC, 4/20/53, INFORMATION CONCERNING".

During the telephone conversation of 4/20/53, Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols instructed that if ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM, the complainant in the above captioned matter, was a person of substance, then she should be contacted and set straight as to how COPLON's arrest was executed.

On 4/23/53 the Bureau was advised under said caption that contact with ROSEMARY CUNNINGHAM for the purpose requested would not be made UACB.

On 4/30/53 the Bureau advised by letter captioned "DOROTHY AND DICK RADIO PROGRAM, RADIO STATION WOR, NYC, 4/20/53, INFORMATION CONCERNING", that it did not desire any further action.

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

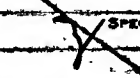
Subject, husband and infant daughter continue to reside Apt. 4D, 105 Claremont Ave., NYC. Subject acts as housewife, also types husbands law briefs. Husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, allegedly has been having financial problems due to lack of clients. Continues to conduct practice of law at 305 Broadway, NYC.

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DETAILS:

DR. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, Physics Department, Butler Hall, New York University, Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephonically advised SA JOHN C. WILLIS, on June 6, 1953, that his wife, LILA MAZUR BEDERSON, had resided with her sister ESTHER KAUTMAN at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City; that subject, JUDITH SOCOLOV, nee COPLON, also resides there, and that his wife has informed him of the subject's present activities.

DR. BEDERSON stated that it was his understanding that JUDITH COPLON is not employed, but acts in the capacity of a housewife and mother to their infant daughter; that recently JUDITH has been typing legal briefs for her husband, at home.

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According to DR. BEDERSON, ALBERT, the husband, has been having a "rough time" of it financially due to the lack of clients.

Investigation at 305 Broadway reflects that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV continues to engage in the practice of law at this address.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in view of their interest in this case.

LEADS

At New York, New York

Will, in accordance with referenced Bureau letter, continue to report activities of subject and subject's husband.

NOTE RE: CLICE

Report of SA H. COURTENAY CLINCH, at New York, May 28, 1953.

Bureau letter to New York, 5/7/53.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

MAR 23 1953

RE: JUDITH COPLON was

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: Apt. 4D, 185 Claremont Ave., NYC

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Remarks: Man #24

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It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: Same

not Employment: Same

Address:

Verified by: H. C. Clinch

Method of Verification:

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

DATE: September 23, 1953

FROM : *JLH* SAC, WFO (65-5128)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau letter dated May 7, 1953, enclosing specimens submitted to the FBI Laboratory in captioned matter.

The following items were returned to the WFO:

- (1) K-17 -- Four blank sheets of typewriting paper taken from COPLON's room at McLean Gardens on March 5, 1949.
- (2) K-29 -- Breakfast order written by COPLON on morning of March 5, 1949.
- (3) K-34 -- A sheet of lined white paper containing large penciled notations identified by NATHAN B. LENVIN, Attorney, Department of Justice, as having been made by COPLON.
- (4) K-36 -- Post card dated March 15, 1949, from COPLON to Manager, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, requesting forwarding of mail to her New York residence.
- (5) K-37 -- Signature of GREAUX CONSTANT.

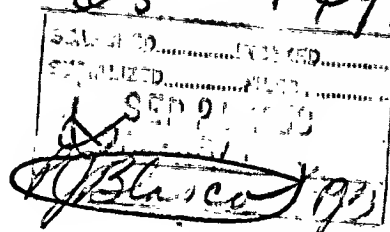
Inasmuch as item K-29 was submitted to the FBI Laboratory by the New York Office it is enclosed herewith for disposition by your office.

The other items listed herein have been destroyed by the WFO.

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REGISTERED MAIL

ITEM K-29 destroyed. Other known handwriting specimens in exhibits - P/B



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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside with her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, and infant daughter at Apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC. Subject's husband continues to practice law at 305 Broadway, NYC.

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DETAILS:

Dr. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, physics department, Butler Hall, New York University, Sedwick Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on September 30, 1953 that subject, JUDITH SOCOLOV, nee COPLON continues to reside at Apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City with her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV and infant daughter. Dr. BEDERSON further advised that subject is not employed and continues in the capacity of a housewife.

T-1, of unknown reliability, advised on September 30, 1953 that subject's husband ALBERT H. SOCOLOV continues to engage in the practice of law with an office at 305 Broadway, New York City.

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T-1 Pretext telephone call to office of ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, 305 Broadway, NYC	Employment of SOCOLOV	9/30/53	PAUL J. BLASCO	Instant File

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

One copy of this report is being furnished to the WFO in view of their interest in this case.

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At New York, New York

Will report any pertinent information relative to the subject and her husband.

REFERENCE

Report of SA H. COURTENAY CLINCH at New York, 8/3/53.

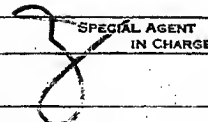
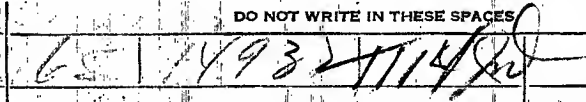

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject continues to reside with her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, and daughter at 185 Claremont Ave., NYC. Subject is reported to be expecting a second child. Subject's husband continues in practice of law at 305 Broadway, NYC.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Dr. BENJAMIN BERENSON, Physics Department, Butler Hall, New York University, Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York, telephonically advised on November 12, 1953 that his wife, LILA MAZUR BERENSON, had resided with her sister, ETHEL ZAUFGAR, at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, and further that the subject, JUDITH SOCOLOV nee Coplon, resides at apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue.</p> <p>Dr. BERENSON further advised that he learned through his wife that JUDITH COPLON is not employed and continues to act in the capacity of a housewife and mother to their infant daughter. Dr. BERENSON stated that it was his understanding that JUDITH COPLON is expecting a second child.</p> <p>Further, according to Dr. BERENSON, subject's husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, continues to be experiencing a "rough time" financially because of a lack of clients.</p> <p>T-1, of unknown reliability, advised on November 17, 1953, that ALBERT H. SOCOLOV continues to practice law at 305 Broadway, New York City.</p>			
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T-1 Pretext tele- phone call to office of ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, 305 Broadway, NY.	Employment of SOCOLOV	11/17/53	PAUL J. BLASCO	Instant file

LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field office in view of their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report any pertinent information relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE: Report of SA PAUL J. BLASCO dated 10/8/53 at New York.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: December 30, 1953

FROM : *guit* Director, FBI (65-58365)SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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On 12-15-53, the Department of Justice furnished the Bureau with a memorandum received from Richard B. O'Donnell dated 12-11-53. O'Donnell is Chief of the New York Office of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

He advised that it had been called to his attention that a large binder of newspaper clippings was kept over a period of several years by Robert Wohlforth. On one of the clippings about the resignation of a man named Harold J. Ruttenberg resigning from CIO to take a job with a steel firm, was written "He can do a better job by boring from within. You too?" There is also a newspaper clipping entitled "Importer Held as German Spy" and clipped to an office memorandum form bearing the notation from "Judith Coplon" to "Robert Wohlforth," bearing the statement "The same old pattern - complete with farm." O'Donnell advised that the entire binder of newspaper clippings is being held in his security files in the event that someone may care to review them. The FBI Laboratory made an examination of the handwriting appearing on the memorandum and the instant clipping in an effort to determine if it was the handwriting of Judith Coplon. The Laboratory reported that the two newspaper clippings, which had been listed in the Laboratory as specimens Q142 and Q143, have been compared with the known handwriting specimens of Judith Coplon which had previously been made available to the Laboratory.

It was concluded that the handwriting on the office memorandum Form No. 64, to which was attached a clipping from the "New York Sun" dated Friday, 11-3-44, bearing the headline "Importer Held as German Spy," Q142, was written by Judith Coplon. The Laboratory could not reach a conclusion whether the handwriting on the other newspaper clipping which bears the headline "Golden and Ruttenberg Quit Positions With Steel Union" and is date lined "Pittsburgh July 2," Q143, was written by Judith Coplon, partly because of the lack of comparable known specimens and partly because of characteristics noted in this handwriting that could not be accounted for in the Attachment

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comparison with the known specimens that are available to the Laboratory.

For the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices a set of the Photostats of the newspaper clippings is enclosed herewith.

The New York Office should have an agent contact Mr. Richard B. O'Donnell, Chief of the New York Office of the Antitrust Division, in order to review the other clippings to determine if there are any matters of interest. Wohlforth was the subject of an extensive Loyalty of Government Employees investigation by the New York Office.

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MARION DAVIS BERDECIO advised informant that one of her closest friends was JUDITH COPLON. MARION DAVIS BERDECIO indicated that she had invited COPLON to visit her in Mexico during the summer of 1953 and that COPLON accepted the invitation. BERDECIO later advised informant COPLON would not visit her during the summer of 1953 because COPLON was of the opinion FBI is keeping close track of COPLON and COPLON does not want to involve her friends in her difficulties.

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DETAILS: T-1, of known reliability, advised that MARION DAVIS BERDECIO told her on several occasions that one of her closest friends was JUDITH COPLON with whom she continues to correspond. T-1 advised that MARION BERDECIO had further indicated that she had invited JUDITH COPLON to come to Mexico during the summer of 1953 and that COPLON had accepted the invitation. However, on July 7, 1953 T-1 reported that JUDITH COPLON would not come down this summer to visit MARION BERDECIO because, according to BERDECIO, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is keeping a close track of COPLON and the latter does not want to involve her friends in her difficulties.

Concerning MARION DAVIS BERDECIO it is noted that in an application for a passport filed with the Passport Division of the State Department, Washington, D. C. in 1946, MARION DAVIS indicated she was born June 14, 1922 at New York City; that her father, JULIUS DAVIS was born January 3, 1884 in Poland, immigrated to the United States in June 1905 and was naturalized

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February 11, 1927 before the Supreme Court of Bronx County, Bronx, New York; that her mother, REBECCA DAVIS, was born October 1, 1888 in Poland, immigrated to the United States on September 14, 1907 and was naturalized in 1931. MARION DAVIS' permanent residence was listed with her parents at 644 Riverside Drive, New York City. She listed her occupation as an economic analyst and indicated she had been married to ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO on September 4, 1946 (who was born at Sucre, Bolivia on October 20, 1913). She indicated her husband was not a citizen and she furnished his residence as 413 East 71st Street, New York City.

A certified copy of MARION DAVIS BERDECIO'S birth certificate was attached to the application. MARION DAVIS BERDECIO was issued Passport Number 139483 on September 27, 1946 for travel to Bolivia and Mexico for residence.

FLORENCE FISCHMAN MORSE, 309 Avenue C, New York City, who was in the same class as JUDITH COPLON and MARION DAVIS at Barnard College, stated during an interview in March 1949 that during the time she knew JUDITH COPLON in school, she recalled that COPLON had a school friend by the name of MARION DAVIS with whom she was quite close.

T-2, of known reliability, advised that on July 27, 1953 MARION BERDECIO had indicated that JUDITH COPLON was her close personal friend whom she would like to bring to Mexico at some time in the future.

T-2 advised that during 1953 MARION DAVIS BERDECIO continued to reside with her husband, ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO and their family at Avenida De Las Fuentes 140, Jardines Del Pedregal, Villa Obregon, Mexico, D.F.

On November 16, 1953 T-2 and T-3, also of known reliability, advised that JOHN MILTON BRIGHT, while under the influence of whisky, had told them that SIDNEY GRUSON, "New York Times" reporter in Mexico City, is a secret member of the Communist Party, USA. In this connection BRIGHT stated that GRUSON is also a friend of long standing of MARION BERDECIO and JUDITH COPLON.

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On the day following the above described conversation, BRIGHT contacted the informants asking if he had mentioned GRUSON in connection with MARION BERDECIO and JUDITH COPLON on the previous evening. When the informants indicated that he had, BRIGHT became very upset and told them to say nothing about it to anyone inasmuch as it was a relationship which he should not have mentioned.

T-3 has reported that JOHN MILTON BRIGHT has been a frequent visitor at the BERDECIO home and that ROBERTO BERDECIO has been seen repeatedly at the BRIGHT residence. According to T-3 this close association has been due at least in part to the common interest of these individuals in the organization of the "Amigos Del Cine."

T-3 on September 11, 1952 reported that "Amigos Del Cine" (Friends of the Motion Picture) had recently been formed in Mexico City for the purpose of seeking financial backing for motion pictures of "social significance." T-3 explained that the latter term was utilized to describe the fact that the organization would attempt to put out motion pictures following the Communist Party line. T-3 identified JOHN MILTON BRIGHT and ROBERTO BERDECIO as being among the organizers and chief proponents of the above mentioned organization.

SIDNEY GRUSON, who arrived in the United States on November 27, 1944 was interviewed at New York City and furnished the following information:

He was in possession of Canadian Passport Number 224148 indicating he was a British subject by birth and that he was born in Dublin, Ireland on December 16, 1916. His home is at 24 Rusholm Road, Toronto, Canada. He stated that he was a "New York Times" correspondent and had been stationed in London, England, having left the United States in late 1943. His immediate destination was the "New York Times" Bureau in Washington, D. C., after which he would visit his home in Toronto, Canada.

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T-1 [redacted]	Association of JUDITH COPLON with 1953 MARION DAVID BERDECIO	July	GEORGE F. MUNRO	65-14984-76
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T-2 [redacted]	Info regarding SIDNEY GRUSON's association with MARION D. BERDECIO and JUDITH COPLON	Nov. 1953	GEORGE F. MUNRO	65-14984-87

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in view of their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report any pertinent information relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA PAUL J. BLASCO, 11/24/53 at NY

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

12-2-53

RE: Judith Coplon

65-14932

This Office File

BUFILE 65-58365

The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: APT. 4D 185 CLAREMONT AVENUE,
NEW YORK

Employment: HOUSEWIFE

Address:

Remarks: MAN. #24

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It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: SAME

Employment: SAME

Address:

Verified by: Paul J. Blasco

Method of Verification:

Date:

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Info. furnished by Prof. N. Bederson, Professor at N.Y.U. reflected in report of P. J. Blasco dated 11-24-53

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

Paul Blasco

No change noted
1-21-54
Prof.

Director, FBI (65-58365)

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SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was
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Rebulet 12/30/53.

On 1/21/54, RICHARD E. O'DONNELL, Chief of the New York Office of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, made available a large binder of newspaper clippings maintained by ROBERT WOHLFORTH, a former employee of the New York Office of the Antitrust Division. WOHLFORTH was the subject of an extensive Loyalty of Government Employees investigation by the New York Office.

As a result of a review of this material on 1/21/54, no other matters of interest to this investigation were noted.

Mr. O'DONNELL advised that he intends to forward this material to the Antitrust Division, Washington, D. C. for final disposition.

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1 - Washington Field (65-5128) (RM)

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290 Broadway
New York #7, New York

February 2, 1954

Paul Gaynor, President
Gaynor and Company, Inc.
10 East 49th Street
New York #17, New York

My dear Mr. Gaynor:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 29, 1954, requesting advice as to how a particular matter should be handled.

I regret to inform you that inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is merely an investigative agency which collects evidence concerning possible violations of laws of the United States I cannot give you any advice in this matter. However, I would suggest that you possibly consult your attorney about the problem.

I want to thank you for calling the information in your letter to my attention and assure you that it will be made a matter of record with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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- 1 - NY 65-14932 (JUDITH COPLON)
1 - NY 100-104803 (ALBERT SOCOLOV)

It is pointed out that one of the names mentioned by MR. GAYNOR was ERNEST SOCOLOV, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York. JUDITH COPLON is married to ALBERT SOCOLOV and the two currently reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York. Undoubtedly ERNEST SOCOLOV is related in some way to ALBERT SOCOLOV. MR. GAYNOR'S letter merely stated that his company was considering having SOCOLOV and JOSEPH SACCO, 35-A Jane Street, New York, New York, do some free-lance writing and he had heard through the "grapevine" that they are members of a Communist group. He wanted advice from the FBI as to how to handle the matter and whether an affidavit signed by these men to the effect that they were not members of the CP would be sufficient evidence.

100-104803-1120 RJ [initials]

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

February 15, 1954

District Intelligence Officer
Third Naval District
Federal Office Building
Post Office Box 413
90 Church Street
New York 7, New York

ATTENTION: Captain A. H. Graubart
United States Navy
Your File A8-5/MAR:MR
Ser 01678/EIA

Dear Captain Graubart:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 5, 1954, requesting information concerning the relationship between Judith Coplon and Mrs. Joseph P. Merriam, who is alleged to be a sister of Coplon.

The files of this office reflect that Judith Coplon has a brother, Bertram Coplon, but no sisters.

The photostat transmitted with your letter is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

met
Enclosure (1)

REGISTERED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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HARRY C. O'CONNEL, SA (100-80309)

IRVING GOFF, was
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It has been determined that when the subject is in the NYC area, he uses the apartment of DAVE GREER, 204 East 21st Street, NYC, as one of his hideouts.

On 12/19/53, NY-976-S* furnished the following information:

It is to be noted here that this informant is a highly confidential one and extreme care must be used to protect his identity.

Concerning IRVING GOFF, it is to be noted that he is one of the principal subjects in the HARBARY case and any information pertaining to him is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau.

On 12/19/53, the informant advised that the subject and DAVE GREER entered into a general discussion concerning the failure of the CP in their efforts on behalf of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, recently convicted atom spies. The subject stated in his opinion he believed that the CP failed on behalf of the ROSENBERGS because they were unable to get trade unions to join in the movement.

Continuing, this informant advised that on 12/26/53 the subject and DAVE GREER then discussed the case of KLAUS FUCHS, convicted British espionage agent. According to the informant, the subject stated that in his opinion the FUCHS case was a frame-up and that FUCHS was a British agent all the time.

- 1 - NY 65-15348 (JULIUS ROSENBERG)
- 1 - NY 65 (ETHEL ROSENBERG)
- 1 - NY 65-15336 (DAVID GREENGLASS)
- ① - NY 65-14932 (JUDY COPLON)
- 1 - NY 100-78138 (DAVE GREER)

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DAVE GRABER then mentioned the name of DAVID GREENGLASS (principal figure in the ROSENBERG case and brother of ETHEL ROSENBERG). According to the informant, the subject stated with reference to GREENGLASS, "all right, so he stole the uranium. He might have been caught stealing uranium. He knew what it was. That's part of it....."

GOFF indicated that the US Government made GREENGLASS furnish them information in turn for exempting him from the death sentence.

On 12/23/53, this informant also advised that the subject and DAVE GRABER were discussing the case of LAVRENTI BERIA and the subject stated that any information the US obtained about atomic bombs in Russia was probably obtained by British agents in Russia or agents of BERIA, who brought this information out of the country. He stated that he did not think that any of the information the US obtained about the Russian atomic bombs was obtained from scientific instruments.

Immediately after this, according to the informant, the subject stated "Someone told me I was first choice for one of those assignments." The informant was unable to ascertain what type of assignment the subject was referring to or where or when it was to take place. The informant was only able to speculate that possibly he was here referring to a Russian espionage assignment because the informant was able to detect a reference to the name ROSENBERG shortly after GOFF made this statement.

On 12/31/53, the same informant advised that GOFF and DAVE GRABER entered into a discussion pertaining to LAVRENTI BERIA, recently executed head of the Soviet Secret Police. The informant advised that GRABER thought that the BERIA trial should have been an open and public trial rather than a secret one. According to the informant, the subject took violent opposition to GRABER's remarks and

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stated that he had no business questioning the decisions of the Central Committee of the CP in the Soviet Union and their officials. The subject stated that the execution of BERIA was one of the biggest post-war victories of the CP in the Soviet Union.

According to the informant, GREER stood by his position that the BERIA trial should have been an open trial as it would have had a greater effect on the world at large and could have been better explained to the working classes of the world.

According to the informant, GREER then pointed out to the subject that the ROSENBERG case and the JUDY COPLON case were public and the American people knew about it. He then stated that the CP in the US had the problem of exposing the kind of justice that is being meted out to the ROSENBERGS and JUDY COPLON and the Communists and progressives in this country.

Continuing, GREER stated that the CP here was asking for public trials and that it was very difficult to explain the BERIA trial to people white at the same time asking for public justice for Communists in this country. According to the informant, the subject violently questioned GREER's attitude on this matter and stated that it was very wrong for him to question any decision of MALENKOV and the Central Committee of the Soviet Union.

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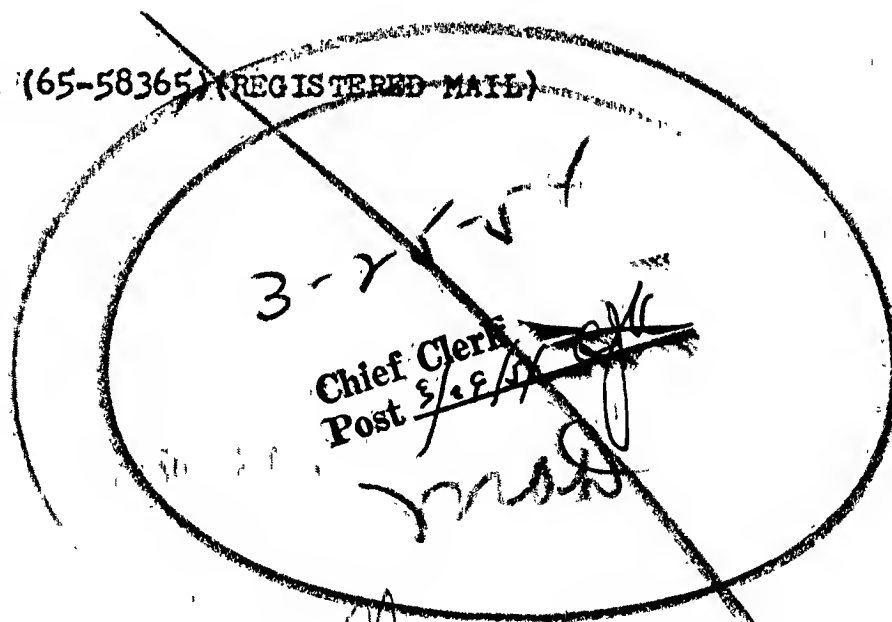
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JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ESPIONAGE - R. BENJAMIN BEDERSON ADVISED
ON 3/12/54 THAT THE SUBJECT AND HUSBAND, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV,
CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT 185 CLAREMONT AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.
BEDERSON STATED COPLON HAD A SECOND CHILD. THE RECORDS OF
THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, MANHATTAN, REFLECT SUBJECT
GAVE BIRTH TO A SON NAMED BENJAMIN SOCOLOV ON 12/31/53 AT
MT. SINAI HOSPITAL, NEW YORK CITY.

KELLY

3 - Bureau (65-58365) (REGISTERED MAIL)



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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/5,12,24/54	REPORT MADE BY PAUL J. BLASCO
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside with her husband ALBERT H. SOCOLOV at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC. A second child named BENJAMIN was born to subject 12/31/53.

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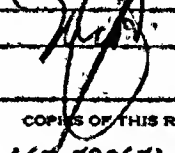

DETAILS:

On March 12, 1954 Dr. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, Physics Department, Butler Hall, New York University, Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York advised that subject JUDITH SOCOLOV, nee COPLON continues to reside at Apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City with her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV. Dr. BUTLER further advised that subject has a second child.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for Manhattan as checked by SE PETER C. MITESSER, JR. on March 24, 1954 reflected Birth Certificate No. 156-53-152015 which indicated that a son named BENJAMIN SOCOLOV was born December 31, 1953 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. This certificate indicated the name of mother as JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV, age 32, born in New York City and father, ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV, age 32, born in New York City, occupation, attorney, residing at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York 27, New York.

This record further indicated that the SOCOLOVS had one other child. The attending physician was listed as Dr. ROBERT LEE FELDMAN, 1100 Park Avenue, New York 28, New York

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in view of their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will report any pertinent information relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL-J. BLASCO, 1/21/54, NY

Director, FBI

3/25/54

SAC, Omaha

JUDITH COPLON;
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed for New York are certain surveillance notes and other material of SA BREWER WILSON (deceased), which he apparently prepared or used in connection with his work on the COPLON investigation when he was assigned to the New York Office. The material is being sent to New York so that the Bureau and New York will be aware of the existence of this material and so New York can determine if the notes have any value and whether they should be retained. RUC

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cc: 1 New York (Enc.) (REGISTERED)
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see exhibit 1B227

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R. Blasco
3/29/54

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: JUDITH COPLON

This Office File 65-14932
Bufile 65-58365

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Residence: Apt. 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue
New York, New York

Remarks:

Man. #24

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment: SAME

Address:

Verified By: PAUL J. Blasco

Method of Verification: Verification made 3-12-54 through info. furnished by PROF. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, PROF. AT NYU as reflected in rpt. of SA. PAUL J. Blasco dated 3-30-54

Date: 5-3-54

Residence: SAME

Verified By: PAUL J. Blasco

Method of Verification: Verification made 3-12-54 through info. furnished by Prof. Benjamin Bederson, Prof. at NYU as reflected in rpt. of SA Paul J. Blasco dated 3-30-54

Date: 5-3-54

The Security Index Card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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DATE 5-4-54

Security Index Verification

Assigned to P. Blasco

Date: 4-30-54

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/18/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/14,17/54	REPORT MADE BY PAUL J. BLASCO <i>anf</i>
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject continues to reside with her husband and children at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC.</p> <p>- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On May 14, 1954 Dr. BENJAMIN BEDERSON, Physics Department, Butler Hall, New York University, Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York advised that the subject JUDITH SOCOLOV, nee COPLON continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City with her husband, ALBERT H. SOCOLOV.</p> <p>Dr. BEDERSON stated it was his understanding that subject is presently acting in the capacity of housewife and mother to their daughter and infant son.</p> <p>- P -</p>			
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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office in view of their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will report any pertinent information relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL J. BLASCO, 3/30/54, NY

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: June 1, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent Paul J. Blasco dated May 18, 1954,
at New York in this case.

It is noted that in this report and in
reports submitted in this case recently you are
relying solely on Dr. Benjamin Bederson to keep
you advised of the subject's activities. The Bureau
desires that you attempt to develop other reliable
sources who can provide you information on a
discreet basis concerning the activities of the
subject and her husband. Your next report should
include information from other sources in line with
the above.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/20/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/22, 29/54	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN pat
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 advised subject resides at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC and is apparently friendly with her neighbors.

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DETAILS:

T-1, of unknown reliability but who is familiar with the occupants of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, advised on June 29, 1954 that JUDITH SOCOLOV, also known as JUDITH COPLON, continues to reside at the above address with her husband and their two children. The informant stated subject resides in apartment 4-D. The informant added that subject's brother-in-law, ERNEST SOCOLOV, lives in apartment 5-D at this address.

The informant stated that subject is very friendly with most of the tenants in the building who have small children, as the children play together in a nearby park where the mothers can watch them. The informant was of the opinion that most of the tenants were not aware of the fact that subject had received nationwide publicity at the time of her arrest and subsequent trials. The informant stated that this opinion was derived from the fact that subject is only known as Mrs. SOCOLOV to the tenants and further that the informant has never heard any of the tenants discuss the JUDY COPLON Case.

The informant stated that subject has been staying in the city during the summer months but occasionally leaves her apartment with her family for a week-end away from the city. The informant did not know where subject spent these week-ends.

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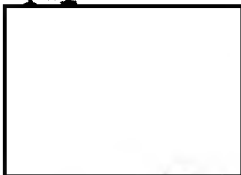
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Subject's
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SA ROBERT
W. COHOLAN

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(upon request)

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

One copy of this report is furnished to the
WFO for its information.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report any pertinent information relative
to subject's activities.

REFERENCE:

Rerep of SA PAUL J. BLASCO 5/18/54 at New York.
Bureau letter to New York dated 6/1/54.

Director, FBI (65-58365)

7/20/54

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was
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Rerep of ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated 7/20/54.

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[redacted] appeared very cooperative upon being interviewed concerning subject's activities. She stated that she would immediately advise this office in the event subject [redacted]
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Dr. BENJAMIN BEDERSON who formerly cooperated with this office advised SA PAUL J. BLASCO on 6/3/54 that due to the fact that he is having marital difficulties he would be unable to advise us of subject's activities.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

June 21, 1954

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
(OO - NEW YORK)

On June 21, 1954, Mr. NATHAN LENVIN, Assistant Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Act Section, Department of Justice, Room 606, Old Post Office, 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C., furnished to SA THOMAS A. WENDENHALL the following material:

(1) Letter dated April 30, 1946, to JUDITH COPLON from the State of New York, Department of Taxation and Finance, concerning her income tax liability to the State of New York during 1945.

(2) Letter dated May 3, 1946, from JUDITH COPLON to Mr. JOHN J. ROMAN, Income Tax Bureau, Albany, New York, stating she maintained a permanent abode in Washington, D. C., in 1945.

(3) A letter dated April 15, 1946, from JUDITH COPLON to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Albany, New York, inquiring about her 1945 tax liability.

(4) Letter dated January 29, 1946, from JUDITH COPLON to Mr. WALTER E. JESSOP, Department of State, in which she stated she had called the previous week on the recommendation of Mr. FRANK D. MIDIFFER, Division of Economic Security Controls, Department of State, and that she was sending a Form 57 which Mr. JESSOP had requested of her.

(5) Criminal Division administrative order number 40 dated June 9, 1948, designating Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY General Assistant, signed by T. VINCENT QUINN, Assistant Attorney General. This order has handwritten note attached stating "As of August 2, 1948, ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL, Acting Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division)".

(6) Office memorandum dated May 4, 1948, to JUDITH COPLON from NATHAN H. FRANK, listing the Chiefs of the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

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R. D. Coplan

Letter to Director
Re: JUDITH COPLON

(7) Postcard to JUDITH COPLON dated July 10, 1946, at Tupper Lake, New York, signed "Jim".

(8) Letter dated December 20, 1946, addressed to "Mrs. JUDITH COPLON" from Mrs. FRANCES HAYNES, Children's Hospital, 13th and W Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., thanking her and coworkers for a contribution to the new building fund. The names of a number of other Justice Department employees written on the margin and crossed out indicated office routing of the letter. Envelope was attached.

(9) Form letter dated February 13, 1945, addressed "Miss JUDITH COPELAND", from INS, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City notifying her to call at 107 West 62nd Street, New York City, on February 20, 1945, to testify as a witness in the matter of the petition for naturalization of one ANNE MARIE HENZFELD.

The original of the above listed items and one photostatic copy are herewith furnished to the office of origin for whatever action deemed advisable.

One photostatic copy of this material is also being furnished to the Bureau and one photostatic copy is being maintained in the files of the WFO.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : PAUL J. BLASCO, SA (65-14932)

SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBIT REVIEW
JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: 7/7/54

In connection with the Bulky Exhibit review project, the 227 exhibits contained in this case were reviewed. In view of the fact that a new trial may be ordered in above captioned case, it is recommended that all exhibits be maintained until prosecution of subject is completed.

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: T-1 advised that subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

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DETAILS: T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the occupants of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, advised on September 13, 1954, that subject continues to reside at the above address with her husband and two children.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to its interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report any pertinent information relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN, 7/20/54, New York.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 9/17/54

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON.

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At 5:45 P.M. 9/17/54, SA Branigan, Bureau, telephonically inquired when the fine was imposed upon ARCHIBALD PALMER for which investigation had been requested by the AUSA, SDNY.

I advised Mr. Branigan that it was a \$200.00 fine levied on PALMER during the trial of JUDITH COPLON in 1949. Mr. Branigan stated that in view of the length of time this fine has been pending and uncollected, no investigation should be conducted until advised to proceed by the Bureau.

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TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 9/15/54

FROM : T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., SUPERVISOR, #12-12

JUDITH COPLONSUBJECT: ARCHIBALD PALMER
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At 11:50 a.m. on 9/15/54, AUSA GEORGE M. VETTER, JR., SDNY, telephonically advised me that the government still has not collected the \$200 in fines from ARCHIBALD PALMER, such fines having been levied against him in connection with the trial of JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. VETTER stated that he has been having a lot of trouble with Mr. PALMER in trying to collect these fines.

Mr. VETTER requested that, if possible, we conduct a limited amount of investigation to locate one or several of Mr. PALMER's bank accounts, so that he could proceed against them. He felt sure that at least one of Mr. PALMER's bank accounts would have \$200 in it.

I told Mr. VETTER I would check and get in touch with him later.

*Mr. McCabe would like to
know how this comes out
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 2:10 P.M. this date I telephonically contacted SA William Branigan, Bureau, and advised him that the New York Office had received a request from the U.S. Attorney's office to conduct a limited amount of investigation to locate one or more bank accounts of ARCHIBALD PALMER who was the lawyer for the subject in 1949-1950. I advised Mr. Branigan that AUSA George M. Wetter, Jr., SDNY, had informed that the Government had not yet collected the \$200.00 in fines from PALMER which had been levied against him in connection with the trial of JUDITH COPLON; that Mr. Wetter stated he had been having a lot of trouble with PALMER in endeavoring to collect these fines.

I pointed out to Mr. Branigan that the Bureau has a rule that investigations to ascertain the financial ability of individuals were not to be accepted unless the amount involved was \$250.00 or more; that however, while the amount involved in this instance was only \$200.00, we might conduct the requested investigation as a cooperative gesture with the U.S. Attorney's office. Mr. Branigan stated that he thought that as a cooperative gesture the New York Office should go ahead with the conduct of the requested investigation. I stated I thought it might be well for our agent to check with the U.S. Attorney's office to see what had been done to collect the fine in question and then pick up the investigation from that point. Mr. Branigan agreed with that observation. He stated that unless advised to the contrary by Monday afternoon 9/20/54, the New York Office should proceed with the investigation requested.

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : ASAC A. J. MARCHESSAULT

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESP. R.

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Inspector Vic Keay, Bureau, called at 5:45 P.M., 9/20/54 and stated, in relation to USA J. Edward Lumbard's request to ascertain the financial status of ARCHIBALD PALMER, the Bureau authorized NYO to go ahead with the investigation; that we should contact the USA's office and advise them that we are conducting the necessary investigation.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 24, 1954

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JUDITH COPLON; ESPIONAGE - R. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE
CALL 9/20/54, CONCERNING THE REQUEST OF AUSA GEORGE M.

BETTER THAT THE NYO CONDUCT A LIMITED INVESTIGATION
TO LOCATE A CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT FOR ARCHIBALD PALMER.
BETTER ADVISED HIS OFFICE DESIRES TO COLLECT THE \$200
FINE WHICH WAS LEVIED AGAINST PALMER IN CONNECTION WITH
TRIAL OF SUBJECT. HE DESIRED THAT FBI CONDUCT A LIMITED
INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE PALMER'S BANK ACCOUNT SO THAT
THE US GOVERNMENT CAN ATTACH THIS ACCOUNT. BETTER ADVISED
PALMER IS PRESENTLY ACTING AS AN ATTORNEY IN A
CURRENT CRIMINAL CASE AT THE US COURT HOUSE, NYC. IN
VIEW OF THIS, BETTER SAID HE DESIRED THAT AN INQUIRY CONCERNING
PALMER BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE CURRENT TRIAL IN WHICH
PALMER IS ACTING AS AN ATTORNEY IS CLOSED. BETTER SAID
PALMER HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE USA'S OFFICE.

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CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF HIS FINE. PALMER, ACCORDING TO BETTER, CONTENDS TRIAL JUDGE REEVES HAS REVOKED THESE FINES. THEREFORE, HE DOES NOT HAVE TO PAY SUCH A FINE. PALMER HAS STATED THAT IF HE IS BROUGHT TO THE U.S. COURT HOUSE TO BE EXAMINED IN A SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDING IN CONNECTION WITH THESE FINES HE WILL NOTIFY THE NEWSPAPER MEN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. BETTER SAID HE DESIRED TO COLLECT PALMER'S FINES, HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO AVOID ANY PUBLICITY WHICH, IT APPEARS, PALMER WISHES TO OBTAIN IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. THEREFORE, HE HAS CONTACTED THE FBI AND REQUESTED THAT A BANK ACCOUNT BE LOCATED. WHEN SUCH AN ACCOUNT IS LOCATED, HE WILL ATTACH THE ACCOUNT AND THE NECESSITY FOR ANY SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS WILL BE AVOIDED. PALMER HAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK OF THE USDC, WASHINGTON, D.C. A PROPOSED ORDER WHICH REQUESTS REVOCATION OF THE \$200 FINE IMPOSED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE. THIS ORDER, ACCORDING TO BETTER, HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO JUDGE REEVES WHO IN TURN ADVISED THAT HE HAS NOW RETIRED AND CAN NOT ACT ON THE

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MATTER. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED FROM BETTER THAT BY LETTER DATED AUGUST 5, 1954, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD REQUESTED THE USA'S OFFICE IN NEW YORK TO ADVISE WHAT ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE USA'S OFFICE FOR COLLECTING PALMER'S FINES. BETTER ADVISED THAT HE WILL CONTACT THE NYO WHEN THE CURRENT TRIAL IN WHICH PALMER IS ACTING HAS CLOSED SO THAT INVESTIGATION CAN BE INITIATED TO LOCATE PALMER'S CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT. ACCORDINGLY, NO FURTHER ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE NYO UNTIL THE USA RECONTACTS THIS OFFICE.

KELLY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 27, 1954

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

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JUDITH COPLON; ESP - R. BUFILE SIXTY FIVE DASH FIVE EIGHT THREE SIX FIVE.
 REMIAIR-TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST. AUSA GEORGE M. VETTER, SDNY, ADVISED
 ON THIS DATE HE HAD RECEIVED A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK FROM ARCHIBALD PALMER
 IN PAYMENT OF PALMER'S FINE. SINCE THIS IS FULL PAYMENT OF PALMER'S FINE,
 NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY USA'S OFFICE IN THIS MATTER.

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 512 P MPer [Signature]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: September 29, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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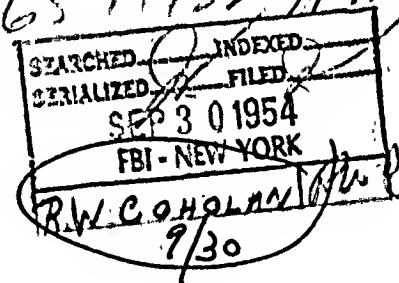
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Reference is made to the report of SA Robert W. Coholan, dated 9/15/54 at New York, in this case.

The Bureau desires that your next report in this case contain results of more investigative effort on your part. You should attempt to discreetly develop other sources who can furnish more detailed information on Coplon and the present activities of her husband and herself. You should develop information on Ernest Socolov, who, in your report of 7/20/54, was reportedly residing in the subject's apartment.

Your attention also is referred to the Washington Field office memorandum of 8/31/54 in the case entitled "Valentine Alekseevich Gubitchev, was. Espionage - R," which sets forth information from CS [redacted] This information reflects the source knew Gubitchev by sight and had seen him working at the MVD Centre in Moscow. Inasmuch as the source would be able to testify to this, which would have a probative value in any future trial of Coplon, this data should be included in your next report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SA(A) EDWARD J. CAHILL (65-14932)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 10/4/54

Re Bureau telephone call of September 22, 1954, authorized the New York Office to contact the USA's office, SDNY, to advise that office that we could continue a limited investigation to locate a current bank account for ARCHIBALD PALMER.

On September 21, 1954, SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and the writer contacted AUSA GEORGE W. VETTER, Jr. to determine what steps he has taken to collect the \$200. fine levied against PALMER during the trial of the subject. VETTER advised he desired that the FBI conduct a limited investigation to locate an account of PALMER so that the United States Government can attach such an account. He advised that PALMER has previously been questioned by the USA's office concerning payment of this fine.

PALMER, according to VETTER, contends that Trial Judge REEVES had revoked the fine, and he does not have to pay such a fine. VETTER mentioned that PALMER, during his conversations with the USA, stated that if he is brought to the United States Court House to be examined in supplemental proceedings in connection with this fine, he will notify the newspapermen of the Government's action. VETTER said he desires to collect PALMER's fine; however, he wishes to avoid any publicity which it appears PALMER desires to obtain in connection with this matter.

VETTER said he has contacted the FBI and requests that the bank account be located. When such an account is located, he will attach the account and the necessity for new supplemental proceedings will be avoided.

During the conversation with VETTER, it was determined that PALMER is presently acting as an attorney in a current criminal trial at the United States Court House, Foley Square. VETTER said that any inquiry concerning PALMER's account be held in abeyance until the current trial in which PALMER is acting has closed. The USA expects the trial will last at least one more week. VETTER will notify this office when this trial has closed.

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JOHN J. O'TOOLE, JR., SA (100-78633) (6)

GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, was
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On 4/16/54 NY-1015-S* advised an unidentified man contacted subject and asked if he was free to attend the ASP Spring Ball that night at Savoy Ballroom. GIBBY said to leave two tickets in his name at the box office. Man informed GIBBY he would sit at Table #2 with him, ANNIE, AL SOCOLOV, JUDY (COPLON SOCOLOV) and DANNY.

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GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR., SA (100-116404)(12-15)

FREIDA MALBIN

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[redacted] furnished the following oral information to the writer on 9/27/54 concerning the informant's fellow employee, FREIDA MALBIN. The informant advised that FREIDA told her that JUDY COPLON was a personal friend and that JUDY's husband, AL SOKOLOFF, was FREIDA's lawyer. The informant stated that COPLON had brought her baby into the Photo Reflects Studio at Abraham and Strauss, Brooklyn, New York, where MALBIN and the informant are employed, for sittings during July, 1954. The informant stated that this was in connection with a guest offer on the part of the studio and that COPLON had decided not to purchase any photos after seeing the proofs.

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FREIDA MALBIN has told the informant that SOKOLOFF's sister works as a secretary for one of the officials at Abraham & Straus. The informant has also learned that the legal matter handled by SOKOLOFF concerning FREIDA has to do with a disagreement with her landlord over rent payments.

The informant was unable to learn anything further concerning COPLON and her connections with MALBIN and does not feel able to take any positive steps in this direction without arousing suspicion.

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TO : SAC New York (65-14932)
 FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON - *Man 24*

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Refer SAC Letter No. 54-48.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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November 2, 1954

Mr. Edward L. Brauno, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Brauno:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available all background information which your files might contain concerning:

Ernest Socolov
185 Claremont Avenue
New York City
MO 2-8768

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James J. Kelly", is written over the typed name.

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL (U)

November 2, 1954

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is requested that information be furnished concerning toll calls charged to * during past six months. This number is reported to be listed to

* listed
unlisted

Mrs. Albert Socolov
185 Claremont Avenue

MO 3-1581

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James J. Kelly

JAMES J. KELLY

Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside at 165 Claremont Avenue, NYC. Owner of this building is ALEXANDER MACOLIN, who is described by informants as being a former Communist. Neighbors of the subject have nothing pertinent to offer. T-7 advised that subject's co-conspirator, VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, upon his return to Russia after his expulsion from this country worked at the MVD Center at Moscow and was later discharged due to his arrest in the U.S.

DETAILS:

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disclosed*

T-1 of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the occupants of 165 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on October 4, 1954, that the subject and her family continue to reside in apartment 4 at this address. Informant stated subject pays \$76.00 per month rent for the apartment which consists of living room, dinette, kitchen and one bedroom. Informant added that this seemed to be very small for a family with two adults and two small children.

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The informant further stated that the subject's brother-in-law, ERNEST SOCOLOV, resides in apartment 5D at the same address. The informant stated that ERNEST SOCOLOV told her that he is in television and radio work, but he did not elaborate on what specific position he held. T-1 stated ERNEST SOCOLOV is single.

The informant further stated that all leases and rentals are handled by the Racolin Management Company, 293 East 167th Street, Bronx, New York.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on April 24, 1951 that the Racolin Management Company, 293 East 167th Street, Bronx, New York, is presently owned and managed by ALEXANDER E. RACOLIN.

The informant further stated that ALEXANDER RACOLIN'S father, MENDEL RACOLIN, had extensive real estate holdings prior to his death and since that time ALEXANDER has assumed responsibility for the business. T-2 stated that he did not have contact with MENDEL RACOLIN very long, but he appeared to be a fine gentleman. T-2 said he had heard a story that MENDEL RACOLIN reportedly said he had a fine daughter, but that his son, ALEXANDER, was no good.

T-2 further advised that ALEXANDER RACOLIN is an attorney and still maintains his law office at 11 West 40th Street, New York City, but practically spends all his time at the office of the Racolin Management Company, 293 East 167th Street, Bronx, New York.

T-3, of known reliability, advised that his files reflected that the Chief of Police at Birmingham, Alabama had requested information concerning ALEXANDER RACOLIN in view of the fact that he had been involved in Communist activities in that section of the country. T-3 stated that RACOLIN is a licensed attorney and was regarded as a Communist agitator.

In 1936 Sheriff HAYWARD PATERSON, of Montgomery, Alabama, addressed a communication to the Federal

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Bureau of Investigation requesting information concerning ALEXANDER RACOLIN, in which it was indicated that RACOLIN, an attorney for the International Labor Defense, had been arrested at Atlanta, Georgia on October 24, 1934 on charges of insurrection, but was later released by Grand Jury order.

The International Labor Defense has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RACOLIN was originally sent to Birmingham, Alabama to succeed ALLEN TAUB, New York attorney, for handling Communist Party affairs in Birmingham. RACOLIN was arrested in Birmingham on May 17, 1934 for his Communist activities and was finally escorted out of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, exact date not mentioned.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that at one time RACOLIN was in charge of Communist activities in Atlanta, Georgia. The informant stated that this was the period from 1936 to 1937.

T-5, of known reliability, advised that ALEXANDER RACOLIN, 65 Perry Street, New York City, attorney, was a member of the Greenwich Village Club, 1st and 2nd Assembly District Section of the Communist Political Association, Manhattan, New York in 1944.

T-6, of known reliability, and who is familiar with some of the tenants in 165 Claremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on October 12, 1954 that although he knew the subject and her husband as tenants in that building, he was unable to furnish any information pertinent to her activities or her associates.

Mr. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, apartment 4B, 165 Claremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA ROBERT W. CCHOLAN on October 14, 1954 that he has been a neighbor of the subject since her arrival at this address. He stated that although the entrances to their apartments face

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each other, he is only a casual acquaintance with the subject and her husband. Mr. ROBERTSON stated that the subject is very friendly with a Mrs. ETHEL SIMMS and he has often seen Mrs. SIMMS entering or leaving the subject's apartment. Mr. ROBERTSON stated that ETHEL SIMMS' husband HERMAN SIMMS is a commercial artist.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA NORMAN R. JOHNSON for the years 1952 and 1953 reflect ALBERT SOCOLOV registered as a supporter of the American Labor Party for both these years. There was no registration record for JUDITH SOCOLOV or ERNEST SOCOLOV.

T-8, of known reliability, advised that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-8 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real significance in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-9, of known reliability, in July 1954, advised that the Communist Party today as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SA RICHARD F. O'HARA on October 11, 1954, contained no information on ERNEST SOCOLOV.

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T-7, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with many personalities connected with Soviet Intelligence Services, identified the photograph of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, but stated that he does not know GUBITCHEV personally and has never spoken with him. The informant stated he had seen GUBITCHEV on a number of occasions following GUBITCHEV's return to the Soviet Union from the United States. Informant stated that GUBITCHEV had worked at the MVD Center at Moscow for five or six months and was then discharged from the MVD Service. Informant stated that according to the information he received, GUBITCHEV'S dismissal was the result of his detention while in the United States. Informant advised that GUBITCHEV had attended the MGB Intelligence School in 1946 and had graduated from this school. The informant added that he did not know GUBITCHEV'S wife and had never seen her.

VALENTINE GUBITCHEV was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 7, 1950 and sentenced March 9, 1950 to ten years for violation of Section 793, Title 18, United States Code, and five years for conspiracy with JUDITH COPLON to violate Section 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code to run consecutively, but execution of sentence to be suspended if GUBITCHEV leaves the United States within two weeks. On March 20, 1950 GUBITCHEV was resentenced to fifteen years, but put on probation providing GUBITCHEV leaves country and never returns. GUBITCHEV departed the United States on SS BATTERY on March 20, 1950.

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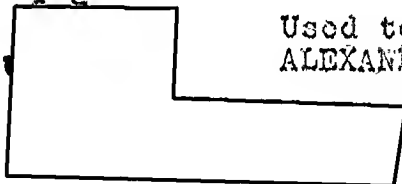
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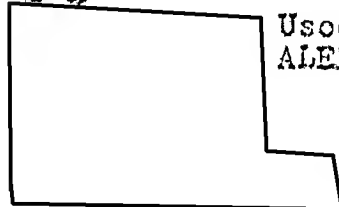
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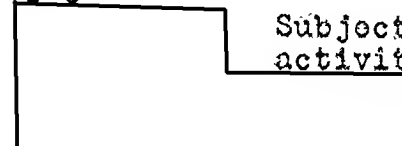
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Activities of
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At New York, New York

Will recontact confidential informants T-1, T-6
and EDWIN L. ROBERTSON for further information concerning the
subject.

Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of
individuals contacted by the subject and her husband from a check
of toll calls made from subject's telephone.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT A. CONOLEN, dated 9/15/54, at
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Director, FBI (65-58365)

SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was
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Enclosed herewith are 10/29/54 copies of the report of
SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN, dated [redacted] at NY.

[redacted] in
[redacted] Office for the SDNY in the late
1930s. [redacted] stated that while working for the USA's
Office among other cases he successfully [redacted]
for passport violation and also successfully handled the
prosecution resulting from the Robinson-Rubens case.

[redacted] advised that although he has [redacted] each
other, he only knew the subject as Mrs. SOCOLOV and had no idea
that she was JUDITH COPLON until it was brought to his attention
by this office. [redacted] offered to cooperate in any manner
that the Bureau saw fit, but added that he knew practically
nothing concerning the subject. He stated that since he and his
wife go to business daily they do not have an opportunity to get
too well acquainted with the other tenants. He stated that an
exception to this was EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, a retired businessman
who is [redacted] stated that
ROBERTSON is a reliable person and is vigorously opposed to
Communism and would cooperate wholeheartedly with the Bureau.

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Mr. ROBERTSON [redacted] would
be alert to observe the activities of the subject and would
cooperate in that they would report anything of significance
to this Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: November 18, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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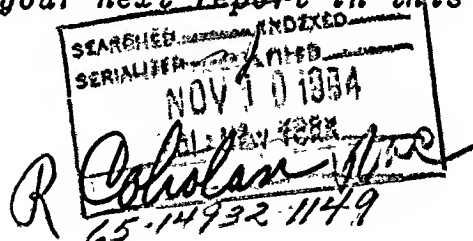
Rerep SA Robert W. Coholan, dated 10/29/54 at New York, in the above-captioned case, which set forth that the subject's brother-in-law, Ernest Socolov, has been residing with the subject and her husband. You indicated that a review of your files did not indicate any pertinent information concerning Socolov.

In the summary report of SA Charles D. Shores, dated 4/16/52 at New York, in the case entitled "Albert Harry Socolov, Security Matter - C," it is set forth that his brother's name is Irwin Socolov, age 28.

Your attention is directed to the report of SA James E. Freaney, dated 5/11/54 at New York, in the case entitled "Isador Nathan Steinberg, Espionage - R," on page 11 of which it is stated that Steinberg on 2/27/54, according to [redacted] asked Bernard Katz for Ernie Socolov's address. b7D

Also, in the report of SA Albert J. Klein, dated 11/24/53 at New York, data is set forth concerning Irwin Socolov, who is described as the brother of the attorney who married Judith Coplon. It is set forth that Irwin Socolov is a commercial artist who worked for Steinberg in 1949-50. You will also note other data is set forth in that report concerning Irwin Socolov.

You should resolve the question of whether Ernest Socolov is identical with Irwin Socolov. If so, pertinent information indicating subversive activities and associations on his part should be set forth in your next report in this case.



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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/12/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/27;11/8/54	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS W. ZANGLE
TITLE VALENTINE ALEKSSEVICH GUBITCHEV, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 advised subject worked at MVD Center at Moscow for five or six months following his return from the U.S. and then was discharged; his dismissal believed to have been result of his detention in the U.S.

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DETAILS: T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with many personalities connected with Soviet Intelligence Services, identified the photograph of VALENTINE GUBITCHEV, but stated that he does not know GUBITCHEV personally and has never spoken with him. The informant stated he had seen GUBITCHEV on a number of occasions following GUBITCHEV'S return to the Soviet Union from the United States. Informant stated that GUBITCHEV had worked at the MVD Center at Moscow for five or six months and was then discharged from the MVD Service.

The informant stated that according to the information he received, GUBITCHEV'S dismissal was the result of his detention while in the United States. Informant advised that GUBITCHEV had attended the MGB Intelligence School in 1946 and had graduated from this school. The informant added that he did not know GUBITCHEV'S wife and had never seen her. The source identified MVD and MGB as Soviet Intelligence Agencies.

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VALENTINE GUBITCHEV was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 7, 1950 and sentenced March 9, 1950 to fifteen years for violation of Section 793, Title 18, United States Code, and five years for conspiracy with JUDITH COPLON to violate Section 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code to run consecutively, but execution of sentence to be suspended if GUBITCHEV leaves the United States within two weeks. On March 20, 1950 GUBITCHEV was resentenced to fifteen years, but put on probation providing GUBITCHEV leaves country and never returns. GUBITCHEV departed the United States on SS BATTERY on March 20, 1950.

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REFERENCE: WFO letter to Director, 8/31/54.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 21 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/18, 26; 12/6, 7, 9, 13/54	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. CONLAN lms
TITLE JUDITH COPLAN, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC. Information concerning IRVING BERLEMAN and FRIDA WALSH, associates of subject, set forth. Subject's sister-in-law, ROSE COLOV, alleged to have attended Berlin Youth Festival in 1951. Information concerning ERNEST COLOV, subject's brother-in-law, set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>I. RESIDENCE</u></p> <p>T-1, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the occupants of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on December 9, 1954 that the subject and her family continue to reside in Apartment 4D at this address.</p> <p>T-2, of known reliability, advised on December 9, 1954 that subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue. The informant stated he knew nothing whatsoever concerning her associates or activities.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on December 9, 1954 that he occasionally observed subject about the premises of the building. He stated he had no additional information to offer concerning subject.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">b7D</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">65-14932-1151</div>
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II. ASSOCIATION

A. ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN

T-3, of known reliability, advised on April 14, 1954 that subject and her husband planned to attend the Spring Ball of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, to be held that night at the Savoy Ballroom. The informant stated that the BOGLOVSKY would sit at the same table with ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN.

T-4, of known reliability, advised that ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN is the former Attorney for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the official Russian purchasing agency in the United States, and is in continuous contact with numerous Communist Party members and in some instances with individuals suspected of espionage activities.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions:

"National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions

"1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949), p.2.)"

B. FREIDA WALBIN

T-5, of known reliability, advised in September, 1954 that FREIDA WALBIN, who is employed in the Photo Reflex Studio

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at Abraham and Straus Department Store in Brooklyn, is a personal friend of JUDY COPSON and further that JUDY's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, is FREIDA's lawyer. Informant stated that during July, 1954 subject brought her baby into the photo studio at Abraham and Straus for sittings. The informant explained that this was in connection with a guest offer on the part of the studio and that subject had decided not to purchase any photographs after seeing the proofs.

The informant stated that ALBERT SOCOLOV had represented FREIDA in a disagreement she had with her landlord over rent payments. The informant further stated that subject's sister-in-law, RUTH SOCOLOV, works as a secretary for one of the officials at Abraham and Straus.

T-5 advised in May, 1954 that FREIDA FREIDMAN was a member of the Communist Party, but the informant could furnish no further information concerning this membership. The informant stated FREIDA is between 45 and 50, 5' 3", and lives at 244 Riverside Drive. She is divorced and has two married daughters.

T-5 stated that in February, 1954 FREIDMAN was at the National Headquarters of the Civil Rights Congress, New York City, and held a conversation with WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, head of the Civil Rights Congress.

The February, 1951 issue of "Masses and Mainstream", a Communist Party quarterly publication, contained an article entitled "WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Militant Leader". In this article PATTERSON is quoted as saying "I joined the Communist Party and went down to the International Labor Defense and offered them my life".

The Communist Party and the International Labor Defense have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 further stated that FREIDMAN was on the Arrangement Committee for a party held by the Civil Rights Congress in March, 1954.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 also advised that in March, 1954, FREDIA HALBIN asked another individual to attend a class at the Jefferson School of Social Science.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-6, of known reliability, advised in March, 1954 that FREDIA HALBIN was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1947, 1950, 1953 and 1954.

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

On October 21, 1954, SAs WILLIAM J. WINTERSTEIN and FRANK S. KAMMER attempted to interview FREDIA HALBIN. HALBIN was told of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's responsibility regarding the Internal Security of the United States and that it was felt she could offer information of value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated she had nothing to say and would furnish no information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

C. Contacts

T-7, of known reliability, advised on November 18, 1954 that the following toll calls were made from subject's residence, 185 Claremont Avenue, on the dates indicated:

Date

Telephone

May 12, 1954

LN 4-9594, New Jersey.

May 24, 1954

EN 3-3336, New Jersey.

June 1, 1954

BI 3-1865

June 11, 1954

EN 3-3336, New Jersey.

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Date

Telephone Number

June 21, 1954

BI 3-1265

June 23, 1954

LE 4-9594

July 16, 1954

LE 4-9594

August 21, 1954

EN 3-3336

B. RUTH SGOLOV

Mrs. OLIVE WALDO, 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised on December 9, 1954 that RUTH SGOLOV has lived at this address for at least four years. Mrs. WALDO stated that she, Mrs. WALDO, moved into 14 Pierrepont Street about four years ago and RUTH SGOLOV was living there at that time.

She stated that RUTH SGOLOV is employed as a Secretary by Abraham and Straus Department Store in Brooklyn, New York. She further stated that until a little over a year ago RUTH SGOLOV's brother, IRVIN SGOLOV, lived with his sister at that address. Mrs. WALDO advised that IRVIN has since moved and she does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. WALDO stated that she had observed RUTH SGOLOV's sister-in-law, JUDY COPLIN, visiting 14 Pierrepont Street on a few occasions, but she believed that she has not seen JUDY COPLIN at that address since IRVIN SGOLOV moved.

Records maintained by the New York City Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, were reviewed by SA GEORGE M. LEXAHAN on January 6, 1954 and found to reflect under Certificate Number 9765 that one RUTH IRVIN SGOLOV was born on February 20, 1926 in the Borough of Brooklyn. Her parents were listed as BENJAMIN SGOLOV, born in Poland, and LOTTIE BRODSKY, born in Russia.

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T-6, of known reliability, during February, 1952 furnished information that one RUTH SOCOLOV of 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York, subscribed to "The Worker" on January 31, 1950.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist newspaper.

The records maintained by the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that a Passport Application dated April 25, 1951, filed by RUTH SOCOLOV, listed her residence as being 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, and her former residence as 506 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

T-6, of known reliability, during September, 1949 furnished information that on June 5, 1949 one RUTH SOCOLOV, not further identified, addressed a communication to Federal Judge HAROLD R. HARRIS, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, protesting the trial of the Communist leaders.

The 11 Communist leaders were indicted July 20, 1948 for conspiracy "to organize a Communist Party, United States of America to teach and advocate the overthrow and destruction of the government of the United States by force and violence and knowingly and willfully to advocate and to teach the duty and necessity of overthrowing and destroying the government of the United States by force and violence, which said acts are prohibited by the act of June, 1940" commonly known as the Smith Act.

The 11 leaders were found guilty October 14, 1949.

T-9, of known reliability, advised in August, 1951 that RUTH SOCOLOV was reported to have attended the Berlin Youth Festival in Berlin, Germany in August, 1951.

On page five, columns two and three in the "Daily Worker" issue of May 15, 1951 the Third World Youth and Peace Festival (Berlin Youth Festival) to be held in Berlin August 5-19, 1951, is noted to be jointly sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students.

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The World Federation of Democratic Youth has been "cited as a part of the Communist International solar system", which was founded in London, November, 1945, by delegates from more than 50 nations, by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1948. With it is affiliated the American Youth for Democracy.

The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities on page 13, in its report number 271, states the following: "The World Federation of Democratic Youth brought into being the International Union of Students, which held a meeting in Prague on August 17-31, 1946. The administration and direction of this project was entrusted to a 17 man Executive Committee of whom 12 were known Communists. Also cited as one of the 'long established Soviet controlled international organizations', which speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy, and which has 'affiliated organizations in the United States which consequently have also been turned into instruments in the peace campaign.' "

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

E. IRWIN SOCOLOV, also known as
Ernest Socolov

T-1, previously mentioned, advised on December 9, 1954 that subject's brother-in-law, ERNEST SOCOLOV, continues to reside in apartment 5B, 185 Claremont Avenue.

T-7, of known reliability, advised on November 18, 1954 that ERNEST SOCOLOV, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, formerly resided at 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, where he was known as IRWIN SOCOLOV.

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Birth records maintained by the Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, as checked by SA ORRARD M. LEHMAN on December 9, 1954 reflect that IRWIN SOCOLOV was born May 15, 1923 at Brooklyn, New York. His parents were listed as BENJAMIN SOCOLOV and LOTTIE BRODSKY.

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Mrs. OLIVE WALDO, 14 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised on December 7, 1954 that IRWIN SOCOLOV formerly lived at this address with his sister, RUTH SOCOLOV. Mrs. WALDO said she knew very little concerning IRWIN SOCOLOV. She described him as being approximately 30 years of age, 5' 10", stocky build, blue eyes and brown hair.

T-10, another government agency that maintains personnel records, advised on December 6, 1954 that IRWIN SOCOLOV, born May 15, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, enlisted in the United States Coast Guard on November 19, 1942 and was honorably discharged from same on April 4, 1946. In 1942 SOCOLOV indicated to the informant that he was living at 506 Court Street. He was described as white, 5' 10", 160 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair, light complexion.

T-11, of known reliability, advised on February 27, 1954 that ISADORE STEINBERG asked BERNARD KATZ, 81 Jane Street, New York City, for EMMIE SOCOLOV's address.

On December 6, 1954 T-11 reported that EMMIE SOCOLOV told ISADORE STEINBERG that he was released December 5, 1954 from the hospital after undergoing an operation. EMMIE said he would be laid up a couple of weeks. ISADORE told EMMIE that he intended to visit him.

On October 28, 1953 A. PAUL JENISCH, 353 Regmont Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, and who is self-employed as a Commercial Artist at that address, advised SA ALBERT J. KLEIN that he had been employed by ISADORE STEINBERG as a Commercial Artist from 1944 to approximately 1950. He stated

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that STEINBERG and his wife, FOLLY STEINBERG, operated a commercial art studio, formerly known as Production Illustration Company and now known as the York Studio. Mr. JENISON stated that IRWIN SOCOLOV had worked as a Commercial Artist for the STEINBERGS for approximately a year during the 1949 - 1950 period. He left them to go to work for some motion picture concern in New York City.

After SOCOLOV left, Mr. JENISON learned that he was a brother of the attorney who had married JUDITH COPLAN. Mr. JENISON recalled that SOCOLOV definitely had Communist leanings.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, reflect that in 1936 ISIDORE NATHAN STEINBERG registered as a Communist Party member.

T-12, of known reliability, advised on June 7, 1951 that a list of artists and exhibitions available through the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, reflected the lithograph "Oh, Give Me Your Hand" by IRWIN SOCOLOV was selling for \$100.00.

The "Daily Worker" of May 31, 1951, page 11, column four, reported that IRWIN SOCOLOV'S lithograph "Oh, Give Me Your Hand", had won a prize of \$10.00 in the Graphic Arts Competition on Peace and Progress sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

T-11, previously advised that ISIDORE STEINBERG contacted BERNARD KATZ on February 27, 1954 and asked for ERNIE SOCOLOV'S address.

Records of the Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, reflect BERNARD KATZ was born October 13, 1901 in New York City. His parents were LOUIS KATZ and LENA STEINFELD, both of whom were born in Russia.

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T-13, of unknown reliability, but a person claiming several years of acquaintance with BERNARD KATZ as a neighbor, stated on February 6, 1953 that KATZ has resided at 81 Jane Street, for seven years or more with his wife, PHYLLIS, and their two children. The informant stated that the older boy is married and lives away from home, and the other boy resides with his parents.

The informant stated that he had no first hand knowledge of KATZ's activities, but stated that from appearances KATZ acts like a Communist. The informant stated that up to a couple of years ago, KATZ had many meetings of a mixed racial group in his apartment and was generally considered a Communist by those who observed him.

On February 28, 1950 T-14, of known reliability, advised that one BERNARD KATZ, not further identified, attended a Communist Party fund drive on February 24, 1950 at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA CLINTON B. FOLLOTT on December 16, 1952, reflected that BERNARD and PHYLLIS KATZ, 81 Jane Street, registered American Labor Party for the years 1945 through 1951.

T-15, of known reliability, advised that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-15 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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T-16, of known reliability, in July, 1954, advised that the Communist Party today, as in the past through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

HAROLD HATE was interviewed March 19, 1953 by SAs JOSEPH T. GUILLOT and ROBERT J. LA JARRE.

HATE was asked whether he had attended a Communist Party fund drive at the Hotel Theresa in February, 1950. He replied that he attended a function at the Hotel Theresa a few years ago, but stated that it was not a Communist Party fund drive. He stated that the affair was sponsored by the Committee for the Negro in the Arts. He explained that his interest in this affair was prompted by his interest in Negro problems and culture, and he did not believe the Communists had anything to do with the affair.

He stated that the Negro problem is his avocation and so much so that he was once accused of being a Communist because he advocated in both theory and practice non-discrimination.

He further stated that he was a member of the American Labor Party for several years and was aware of the fact that it had been cited as a Communist front. However, he stated he considered himself an anti-Communist and some of his friends in the American Labor Party he considered as being anti-Communist.

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March, 1954
Feb., 1954

SA GEORGE P. 100-116484.
BALTIMORE

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Info. re
RUTH SOLOLOV

2/25/52
3/11/54.

SA EVERETT 100-109115-
K. BEANE 3794.

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T-7 [redacted]	Activities of subject.	11/18/54	SA THOMAS J. MC GUIRE	Instant File
T-8 [redacted]	Info. re CP leaders.	Sept., 1949	SA GEORGE J. SULLIVAN	100-85800- 121688.
T-9 Bureau representative, Paris, France.	MUTH SOCOLOV'S activities abroad.	August, 1951.		100-105713-29
T-10 Selective Service Records, Brooklyn, NY.	Info. re IRWIN SOCOLOV	12/6/54	SA DONALD E. STERLETTY	Instant File
T-11 [redacted]				
T-12 [redacted]	Info. re IRWIN SOCOLOV	6/7/51		65-16279-119

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T-11 [redacted]	Info. re BERNARD KATZ.	2/6/53	SA JOSEPH T. QUIOLBY	100-100785-8
T-14 [redacted]	Info. re BERNARD KATZ.	2/28/50	SA MELVIN A. THOMPSON	100-100785-8
T-15 [redacted]	Documentation of ALP.			b7D
T-16 [redacted]	Documentation of ALP.			

LEADS

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

Will identify the subscribers to the following telephone numbers. Will furnish pertinent information appearing in the files of the Newark Office pertaining to these individuals: LE 4-9594, EI 3-1065, EN 3-3336.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

NY will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to its interest in this matter.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT H. COMBLAN, 10/29/54, 53.
Bureau letter to NY, 11/16/54.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE:

Judith Caplan (Named changed to Socolor 45122 sent)
THIS OFFICE FILE: *65-14932*
65-58365

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: *Housewife*
Address: *DC Photo*
Residence: *Apt 4D, 185 Claremont Ave, N.Y., N.Y.*
Remarks: *Man #24*

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Employment: *Same*
Address: *Same*
Verified By: *SA. R. W. Coholan 11-9-54*
Method of Verification: *Interview with Mrs. J. J. TAIPAL*
Date: *11-9-54*
Supt of Residence Bldg.

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DATE *12-14-54*

Residence: *Same*
Verified By: *SA. R. W. Coholan*
Method of Verification: *Interview with Mr. J. J. Tarpale*
Date: *11-9-54*
Supt. Residence Bldg.

The Security Index Card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

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Assigned to: *R. Sweeney*
12-6-54

Subject observed on numerous occasions

Director, FBI (65-58365)

12-9-54

SAC, New York (65-14932)

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JUDITH SOCOLOV, was
ESP - R

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the
above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME Socolov
Judith Socolov

ALIASES Judith Coplen

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

REGISTERED MAIL
RWC:ECF

*51 cards
changed
12-9-54*

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TRANSMIT TO *New York* OFFICE

Corrected Security Index cards
attached. Substitute for cards
in file and destroy old cards.
Place photograph and description on
reverse side of geographical card,

Re: *Judith Socolow*, was
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SAC, NY (100-81547)(7-1)

1/27/55

JAMES F. MITCHELL, SA

SIDNEY REITER
SM - C

On 11/3/54, NY-822-S* reported that LIL (LILLIAN B. LEWIS) was in contact with GENEVA HENDERSON, the maid for ROSE and SID REITER, and inquired of GENEVA whether or not the REITERS were coming home that evening. GENEVA advised LIL that ROSE would be home that evening, but for only a short period of time. When LIL inquired of GENEVA if she would be home that evening, GENEVA replied in the affirmative. LIL then commented that she would probably be up later to see either ROSE or GENEVA and also requested GENEVA to tell ROSE that she, LIL, had called.

NY-822-S*, on 11/3/54, advised that ROSCOE SMITH was in touch with ROSE and SID REITER and urged SID REITER to come to see him that same evening. According to the informant, SID could not make it until about 11:00 p.m., but this was satisfactory to ROSCOE.

On 11/3/54, SID REITER, according to NY-822-S*, inquired of LOU WHEATON if there was any chance of WHEATON "vacating the premises for a period of time this evening." According to this source, SID indicated that he would arrive at WHEATON'S home at about 8:10 p.m. and asked if he should tap on the window upon his arrival. LOU WHEATON agreed to this and remarked that he would probably be in the bedroom.

On 11/8/54, NY-822-S* advised that LIL (LILLIAN B. LEWIS) attempted to contact ROSE REITER, but was unsuccessful.

On 11/7/54, according to NY-822-S*, ROSCOE SMITH and ROSE REITER were in contact with one another. According to this

- 1 - NY 100-107211 (LILLIAN B. LEWIS)(7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-115038 (GENEVA HENDERSON)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-103973 (ROSCOE SMITH)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-112059 (LOU WHEATON)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-63164 (ZELLA APPEL)(12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-74930 (MARTHA JOHNSON)(12-16)
- ① - NY 65-14932 (JULITH COPLON)(6)

JFM:PLO
(6)

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R. H. [Signature]
J. H. [Signature]

MEMO

NY 100-81547

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source, ROSE informed ROSCOE that they (the REITERS) have company and thought that ROSCOE would like to see these people. According to the informant, ROSCOE became curious, but ROSE said she would tell him when she saw him, and ROSE further stated that it was "my friend and her guy . . . the one you saw down the place the other day." The informant could furnish no information concerning the identity of the individuals discussed above.

On 11/12/54, NY-822-3* reported that ROSE REITER and ZELDA APPEL were in contact with one another, at which time ROSE and ZELDA made an appointment to meet that same evening at 9:00 p.m.

NY-822-3* reported on 11/30/54 that MARTHA JOHNSON, the wife of HOWARD "STRETCH" JOHNSON, attempted to contact ROSE REITER, but was unsuccessful. She then, according to the informant, made a tentative appointment to meet with GENEVA HENDERSON the following afternoon.

On 12/2/54, NY-822-3* advised that LOU WHEATON unsuccessfully attempted to contact ROSE REITER and was advised by GENEVA HENDERSON that SIDNEY REITER was at home. According to the informant, WHEATON remarked that SIDNEY could not help him very much.

According to NY-822-3*, a woman who identified herself as JUDITH COPLON'S mother, advised the informant on 12/9/54 that she had to get in touch with ROSE or SID REITER right away. According to the informant, the REITERS were not at home, but the woman was given a phone number where they could be reached.

[redacted] advised on 3/29/54 that SID REITER was the Literary Director of the Harlem Region, NY County CP.

[redacted] reported on 1/18/55 that ROSE REITER has recently become Financial and Membership Director of the Harlem CP.

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If the above information, attributable to NY-822-3*, is to be utilized in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be appropriately paraphrased to further protect the identity of the informant.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/2/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/28, 31/55	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN rim
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Ave., NYC. T-1 advised subject's duties as a housewife appear to occupy her full time.

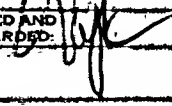
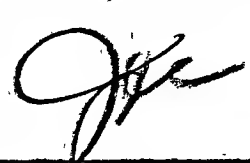
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DETAILS:

T-1, of unknown reliability but who is familiar with the occupants of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, advised, on January 28, 1955, that JUDITH SECOLOV, also known as JUDITH COPLON, continues to reside at the above address with her husband and their two children. The informant stated that, weather permitting, subject takes her children to a nearby park almost every day. The informant added that subject's duties as a housewife appear to occupy her full time.

T-2, of known reliability, advised, on January 28, 1955, that he often observes subject about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, with her two children. However, the informant stated he had nothing pertinent to offer concerning her activities or associates.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agent to whom</u>	<u>File Number where</u>
T-1 [REDACTED]	Activities of subject	1/28/55	SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant file
T-2 [REDACTED]	Activities of subject	1/28/55	SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant file

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One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

LEADNEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will recontact Confidential Informant's, T-1 and T-2, for information concerning subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 12/21/54, New York.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/16/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14, 25; 2/10, 15/55	REPORT MADE BY CLARK D. TOMPKINS (A) SM
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NOEL C. GALEN, 309 Beechwood Place, Leonia, N.J., and S. A. WOLIN, 224 W. Hudson Ave., Englewood, N.J., identified as subscribers to phones at which persons were contacted from phone subscribed to by subject during May through August 1954. According to informant, GALEN patient of doctor who reportedly treated high CP functionaries. Mrs. S. A. WOLIN is JUDY COPLON's cousin.

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DETAILS: Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, stated on November 18, 1954, that the following phone numbers in New Jersey were contacted from subject's residence between May 12 and August 21, 1954:

LE 4-9594
EN 3-3336
BI 3-1065

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on 1/25/55 that the subscribers to the above mentioned phone numbers are:

LE 4-9594

NOEL C. GALEN
309 Beechwood Place
Leonia, New Jersey

65-14932-1158

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EN 3-3336

S. A. WOLIN
224 West Hudson Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey

BI 3-1065

No listing
Line not in operation

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised on September 2, 1954, that NOEL GALEN of 309 Beechwood Avenue, Leonia, New Jersey, was a patient of Dr. HAROLD HERBERT AARON during 1953 and possibly 1954.

Confidential Informant T-4, of unknown reliability, stated that during the New York State Communist Political Association (CPA) Convention, held on June 10, 1944, at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, Dr. HAROLD HERBERT AARON was introduced as a Communist.

The Communist Political Association has been cited by the Attorney General of the U. S. as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-5, of unknown reliability, advised on April 7, 1944, that Dr. HAROLD HERBERT AARON was one of the physicians who examined high Communist Party functionaries.

Confidential Informant T-6, another Government agency which conducts security investigations, advised during September 1954 that Dr. NOEL CHARLES GALEN's, aka. GARFINKLE, of 309 Beechwood Place, Leonia, New Jersey, Army Reserve Commission was cancelled sometime during October 1951.

T-6 also stated that as of May 23, 1954, DORIS PETERSON GALEN was elected Director of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. T-6 could furnish no further identifying data concerning the identity of DORIS PETERSON GALEN but pointed out that NOEL CHARLES GALEN's wife's name is DORIS PETERSON GALEN.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of March 29, 1949, page 149.

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Confidential Informant T-7, another Government agency which conducts intelligence investigations stated on September 2, 1954, that Dr. NOEL CHARLES GALEN was an applicant for a Naval Reserve Commission; however, the Bureau of Naval Personnel advised that GALEN was found unacceptable for Commissioning in the Naval Service.

The files of the Newark Office reflect that SYLVAN ARTHUR WOLIN of 224 West Hudson Avenue, Englewood, New Jersey, is the husband of ANNA WOLIN, who is JUDY COPLON's cousin. Newark files further indicate that SYLVAN ARTHUR WOLIN died during December 1953.

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T-1 []	Toll calls from subject's home	11/18/54	SE THOMAS J. MAGUIRE	NY report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 12/21/54
T-2 []	Identity of subscribers	1/25/55	SE J. A. BRUDNICKI	Instant report
T-3 []	Info re NOEL GALEN	9/2/54	SA WILLIAM MATTINGLY	100-0-R-7234
T-4 [] []	Info re Dr. AARON	Unknown	Unknown	100-0-R-7234
T-5 Anonymous source				
T-6 DIO 3rd Naval District		2/11/54	Navy letter to Director furnished Newark Of- fice by 0-24	100-OR-7234a
T-7 Dept. of the Navy, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations		2/11/54	" "	100-OR-7234a

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, New York, 12/21/54.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/29/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/24, 27/54 3/15-17/55	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN jbk
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject, a housewife, continues to reside at 185 Claremont Ave., NY, NY. [redacted] stated subject's full time appears to be devoted to taking care of her family. ABRA GEORGE M. VETTER, JR., SIMY, advised subject's attorney, ARCHIBALD PALMER, paid \$200.00 fine imposed by Judge REEVES during subject's trial in Washington, D. C. in 1949.

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DETAILS: [redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York, advised on March 13, 1955 that subject continues to reside at the above address with her husband and their two children. She stated that it appears that subject's full time is devoted to taking care of her family and performing her duties as a housewife.

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, advised on March 15, 1955 that [redacted] the subject for about the [redacted] about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue with her children. [redacted] stated that subject and her husband [redacted]

On September 24, 1954 Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE M. VETTER, JR., Southern District of New York, advised SAS FRANCIS W. ZANGLE and EDWARD J. CANILL that the United States Government was having difficulty in collecting the \$200.00 fine imposed by Federal Judge REEVES on subject's attorney,

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ARCHIBALD PALMER, during COPLON's trial in Washington, D. C. in 1949. Assistant United States Attorney VETTER stated that PALMER had refused to pay the \$200.00 fine contending that Judge REEVES had revoked the fine. Assistant United States Attorney VETTER stated that PALMER was told that supplemental proceedings would be instituted against him to collect the fine. PALMER stated that if he was brought to the United States Court House to be examined in a supplemental proceeding he would notify the newspapers of the Government's actions. Assistant United States Attorney VETTER suggested that if a bank account on PALMER is located, the necessity for holding the supplemental proceeding would be avoided as the Government would attach the account.

On September 27, 1954 Assistant United States Attorney VETTER advised SA EDWARD J. CAHILL that he had received a two hundred dollar check from PALMER in payment of the fine.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being forwarded to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact
for information concerning subject's activities.

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2. Will ascertain the identity of individuals contacted by the subject and her husband by checking toll calls made from subject's telephone.

3. Will report result of mail cover if request for same is approved by Bureau.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN, 2/2/55, New York.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL (U)

April 1, 1955

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation
being conducted by this office it is requested that infor-
mation be furnished concerning toll calls charged to

during 8/1/54 to date.
This number is reported to be listed to

Mrs. Albert Socolov
185 Claremont Avenue
New York, New York

Your cooperation in this matter will be
greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Cohan
Security Index Verification

Assigned to: *D. Sweeney*

Date: 4-7-55

James J. Kelly
JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SA RICHARD T. HRADSKY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, Was
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NY 65-14932

DATE: 4/12/54

On instant date ASAC Marchessault telephonically advised he had received a call from Inspector Hennrich concerning the husband of JUDITH COPLON and that Mr. Hennrich had asked the questions: (1) Was JUDITH'S husband associated with the law firm of Leonard Boudin at the time they took over the defense of JUDITH COPLON and (2) is he still connected with that firm at the present time.

I subsequently advised ASAC Marchessault that I had spoken with SA Robert W. Coholan to whom this case is assigned and SA Coholan informed me that JUDITH COPLON'S husband was connected with the Boudin firm at the time that Boudin took over the defense of COPLON in the New York trial in 1950; and in response to the second question of Mr. Hennrich, SA Coholan had made a pretext call to Sokolov's ~~office~~ listed at 305 Broadway, New York City, according to the New York telephone directory, and was informed that Sokolov was no longer connected with the Boudin firm; in fact, he is no longer connected with any firm and that he has office space at 305 Broadway and is practicing law independently. S o c o l o v

ASAC Marchessault inquired as to whether or not Sokolov had been handling any Communist cases and I advised him that I had no information that he was.

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Request for Mail Cover Authorization
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (65-58365)

Date: 3/29/55

From : SAC, New York (65-14932)

Attention:

Subject: JUDITH COPLON, was
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☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

☐ Investigative Division

Name: Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, JUDITH SOCOLOV, JUDITH COPLON

Address: 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York

Type of Mail: First class

Type of Cover: Return

Period Covered: 30 days

Purpose of Cover: To ascertain the correspondents of subject and to determine the extent of their association with subject.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

Subject's activities in behalf of the Soviet Union have resulted in convictions in the U. S. District Courts in New York and Washington, D. C. Although her convictions were reversed by higher courts, the New York Appeals Court stated "Her guilt was plain." She is a known Soviet Espionage agent. It is felt that the identity of all her correspondents be ascertained due to her background. The mail cover would entail no embarrassment to the Bureau.

APPROVED

Date 4-6-55

65-14932-1162

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

Honorable ROBERT H. SCHAFER, Acting Postmaster
General Post Office

RWC:JBK 33rd Street and Eight Avenue

RTW New York 1, New York

65-14932

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

April 19, 1955

Honorable Robert H. Schaffer
Postmaster, Acting
General Post Office
33rd Street and 8th Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the individual listed below for a period of thirty days:

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Socolov
Judith Socolov, Judith Coplon
185 Claremont Avenue
New York, New York

JUDITH COPLON, was
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1. The name of addressee if different from above.
2. Name and return address of sender.
3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.
4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

AEB
JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: *Judith Socolow, was*
Office File ~~65~~ 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *Apt 40, 185 Claremont Ave, NYC*
Employment: *Housewife*
Address:
Key Facility (Yes ☐) (No ☒) Detcom (Yes ☒) (No ☐) Comsab (Yes ☐) (No ☒)
Security Flash (Yes ☒) (No ☐) Photo (Yes ☒) (No ☐)
man 24 *man 24*

T. C. Coholan
Security Index Verification
Assigned to *T. Sweetney*
Date: *4-11-55*

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: *SAME*

Address: *SAME*

Key Facility: (Yes ☐) (No ☐) Geographical Reference Number:
Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes ☒) (No ☐)
Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date: *3-15-1953*

Verified by: *SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN*

Residence: *SAME*

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified By: *SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN*

FD 122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes ☐) (No ☐)

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TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, a housewife, continues to reside at 185 Claremont Ave, NYC. Subject's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, practices law at 305 Broadway, NYC. Information furnished by T-3 concerning correspondents of subject and husband set forth.

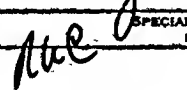
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DETAILS:

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on May 11, 1955, that subject continues to reside at the above address with her husband and their two children. Mrs. TAIPALE stated that being a mother and a housewife appears to occupy her full time. b7D

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on May 11, 1955, that although he is [redacted] about the premises of the building, he knew very little concerning her associates or activities.

T-1, who is in a position to furnish information concerning the employment of subject's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, advised on April 12, 1955, that ALBERT SOCOLOV practices law at 305 Broadway, New York City. The informant further stated that SOCOLOV is not connected with any firm but is practicing law independently.

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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 26, 1955, that the following toll calls were made from subject's residence on the dates indicated:

7/27/54	New Paltz, NY	8369
3/12/55	Woodridge, NY	19J1

T-3, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the correspondents of subject, advised that subject, or her husband, received the following correspondence on the dates indicated:

5/3/55	to A. SOCOLOV, Esq. from SILLS of Cambridge, Inc., 9 E. 48 St., NY, NY.
5/4/55	to ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, Esq. from National Lawyers Guild, 40 Exchange Place, NY, NY.
5/5/55	to Mrs. A. SOCOLOV from the Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, NY, NY.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 149)

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on National Lawyers Guild, House Report Number 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)

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T-1 Pretext phone call to office of ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, 305 Broadway, NYC	Employment of SOCOLOV	4/12/55	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant report
T-2 EDWARD BRAUNE Agent, L8881 Dept. NY Telephone Co. 140 West St., NYC	Toll calls made from subject's residence	4/26/55	SE THOMAS MC GUIRE	J. Instant report
T-3 Mail Cover at subject's residence 185 Claremont Ave.	Correspondents of subject	as indicat- ed in details	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant report

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At New Paltz, New York

Will identify subscriber to New Paltz 3369.

At Woodridge, New York

Will identify subscriber to Woodridge 19J1.

At New York, New York

1. Will continue to report results of mail cover.
2. Will identify SIMMS of Cambridge, Inc.,
9 E. 48th St.
3. Will recontact [redacted] for information
concerning subject's activities.

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Request for Mail Cover Authorization
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (65-58365)

Date: 6/13/55

From : SAC, New York (65-14932)

Attention:

Subject: JUDITH COPLON, was
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☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

☐ Investigative Division

Name: Mr. & Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, JUDITH SOCOLOV,
JUDITH COPLON

Address: 185 Claremont Ave., NY, NY

Type of Mail: First class

Type of Cover: Return

Period Covered: 30 days

Purpose of Cover: To ascertain the correspondents of subject, and
to determine the extent of their association with subject.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity,
possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra
page.)

Subject's activities in behalf of the Soviet Union
have resulted in convictions in the US District Courts in NY and
Wash., D.C. Although her convictions were reversed by higher
courts, the NY Appeals Court stated "Her guilt was plain." She
is a known Soviet Espionage agent. It is felt that the identity
of all her correspondents be ascertained due to her background.
The mail cover would entail no embarrassment to the Bureau.

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Date 6-17-55

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Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

Honorable ROBERT H. SCHAPPER,
Acting Postmaster

General Post Office
33rd St., and 8th Ave.
NY 1, NY

RWC:MIM

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Acting Honorable Robert H. Schaffer
Postmaster
General Post Office
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue
New York 1, New York

June 24, 1955

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the individual listed below for a period of thirty days:

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Socolov,
Judith Socolov, Judith Coplon
185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York

1. The name of addressee if different from above.
2. Name and return address of sender.
3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.
4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ccf
JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

Judith Socolow, was

Office File *for 65-14932*

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *Apt 40, 185 Claremont Ave, NYC*

Employment: *Housewife*

Address:

Key Facility (Yes___) (No ☒) Detcom (Yes ☒) (No___) Comsab (Yes___) (No ☒)
Security Flash (Yes ☒) (No___) Photo (Yes ☒) (No___)

Man 21

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: *SAME*

Address: *SAME*

Key Facility: (Yes___) (No___) Geographical Reference Number:
Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes___) (No___)
Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date: *7-21*

Verified by: *SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN*

Residence: *SAME*

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date: *SA R.W. COHOLAN*

Verified By: *7-21-55*

FD 122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes___) (No___)

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Assigned to *Coholan #6*
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SAC, New York (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Corrected identity index cards
attached. 1. Date for cards
in file 10/1/55. 2. Date old on. 10/1/55.
3. Date description on
reverse side. 4. Geographical card.

Re SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

Subject was a political analyst in the Foreign
Agent's Registration Act Section, Department of Justice,
Washington, DC, from 2/16/45 to 3/4/49.

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Subject's activities on behalf of the Soviet Union
have resulted in the following convictions:

On 6/30/49 a jury in Washington, DC, brought in
a guilty verdict wherein she was convicted of violating sections
793 and 2071, Title 18, USC.

On 3/7/50 a jury in SDNY found COPLON and VALENTIN
GUBICHEV, her co-conspirator, guilty of conspiring to violate
sections 793, 794 and 2071 of Title 18, USC.

Although both convictions were later reversed on technical
grounds, Judge LEARNED A. HAND of the US Circuit Court of Appeals,
NY, NY, stated "her guilt is plain." At the present time
she is out on bail awaiting new trials.

RECOMMENDATION

It is believed that subject falls within item 1, (D)
of SAC letter 55-30. Although investigation has failed to
establish overt acts on the part of subject within the past
five years, her past activities clearly depict her as a
dangerous individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical

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to the national defense and public safety of the US in times of emergency. Further it is reasonable to assume that, if she had not been publicly exposed, she would still be an active soviet espionage agent.

DETCOM TABBING

1. Tab for Detcom
2. Subject has been approved for Detcom Tabbings. No security index card has been received from Bureau bearing stamp "Detcom" in large red letters.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC New York (65-14932)

DATE: 7/18/55

FROM : SA Harold V. Cates

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon, was
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Re report of SA Robert W. Coholan dated 5/31/55 at New York requesting investigation at New Paltz and Woodridge, New York.

A review of the 1954-55 telephone directory for Woodridge, New York reflects that telephone number Woodridge 19J1 is listed to David Jaffee at Glen Wild, New York..

Previous investigation concerning David Jaffee reflects that he is a poultry farmer at Glen Wild New York and is the subject of a closed SM-C investigation in the New York office. He is currently on the Security Index in the New York office and is the subject of New York file #100-110788. Further information concerning his *** background and CP activities may be located in that file.

A review of the 1954-55 telephone directory for the town of New Paltz New York reflects that telephone number New Paltz 8369 is listed to one Charles J. Baker of 44 Plattekill Ave New Paltz.

On 7/11/55 Mrs. Virginia Ellis manager of the Ulster County Credit Service North Front St. Kingston, New York advised that she could locate no record of Charles J. Baker in the files of her office.

On 7/11/55 Arthur Brown Deputy Sheriff Ulster County New York at Kingston New York advised *** he could locate no record of Charles J. Baker in the files of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

On 7/14/55 Jay Zimmerman Postmaster New Paltz, New York advised that Charles J. Baker of 44 Plattekill Ave is a retired individual who has resided in New Paltz for the past several years. He is the father of Charles E. Baker a professor at New Paltz State Teachers College. Zimmerman had no further information concerning the background of this individual and she he did not know where Baker resided prior to moving to New Paltz.

Mrs. Virginia Ellis *** subsequently advised that Charles E. Baker is listed in a 1951 report in her files as a professor at New Paltz State Teachers College. He was reportedly in his forties and was married to one Barbara Burger who was in her twenties. According to Mrs. Ellis this report came from the Glens Falls office of the Credit Bureau. She had no further information.

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On: 7/20/55 Mr. William J. Haggerty president of New Paltz State Teachers College advised that Charles J. Baker is the father of one of his professors Charles E. Baker. He said that the elder Baker is retired, in his late seventies has been in the area of New Paltz since approximately 1950 and prior to that resided in the Bronx, NY. He stated that Baker lived in upstate New York prior to residing in the Bronx and he thought he possibly lived in Glens Falls New York but he was not certain of this. Haggerty advised that he has no knowledge of Bakers former profession but stated that he believes Baker has been retired for a number of years.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/17/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/21, 25, 26, 29/55	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN <i>jed/amc</i>
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Neighbors advise subject and her two children are apparently vacationing outside NYC. Individual named SONTAG sharing apartment with subject's husband during her absence. Information concerning correspondents of subject's husband set forth.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on July 21, 1955, that the subject and her two children are apparently spending the summer outside of New York City. [redacted] stated that the subject left her apartment approximately the middle of June, 1955. She stated that the subject's husband continues to reside in the apartment during the week and apparently spends the weekend with his family, as she does not see him at these times. She further stated that she does not know where the subject is vacationing, although she heard one of the neighbors say that the "SOCOLOVS are staying on a farm."

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[redacted] stated that during the subject's absence, her husband is sharing the apartment with an individual named

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SONTAG. She stated that SONTAG told her that he is a student at Columbia University and expects to remain in the apartment for the summer. She described SONTAG as being 25 or 30 years of age.

[redacted] 185
Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on July 25, 1955, ^{b7D} that the subject and her children left their apartment approximately the middle of June and he assumed that they are on vacation. He stated that he occasionally observes the subject's husband about the premises, and on one occasion, he noticed a strange man leaving the subject's apartment. He described this individual as being approximately 25 years of age.

The records of the Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, were checked by SA ROBERT E. HALL on July 29, 1955, and they reflected that MONTY LOWELL SONTAG is the only individual with that surname registered for summer courses. The records indicated SONTAG was born on December 4, 1928, at Denver, Colorado. His home address is listed as 1375 Birch Street, Denver, Colorado, and his local address is listed as 158 Lewis Street, South Amboy, New Jersey. He listed as a cousin a Dr. SAMUEL BAR, Englishtown, New Jersey.

The records indicated SONTAG attended Denver University from 1949 to 1954, and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He has been a Graduate Student at Teachers College, Columbia University, since September, 1954, majoring in Special Education. He listed his occupation as Speech Pathologist. He is a veteran of Korea and World War II.

It is not known whether this individual is identical with the SONTAG who is sharing the subject's apartment with her husband during her absence.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject's husband received correspondence from the following sources on the dates indicated:

May 13 The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
 421 Seventh Avenue
 New York City

May 14 National Lawyer's Guild
 40 Exchange Place
 New York City

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May 18

Committee of ALP Candidates
17 Murray Street
New York City

July 8

S. M. Coplon and Son
200 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

The "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns four and five, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee," reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of a bridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions. Founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

Writing in "Political Affairs," issue of August, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Communist Party functionary, referred to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights Today."

Concerning Political Affairs, FLYNN testifying in the case "US vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL," on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publications beginning in 1945.

The "New York Times", a daily newspaper, issue of April 12, 1955, page 25, columns 1 and 2, contained an advertisement of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee reflecting the address of the committee as 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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The National Lawyers Guild

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on National Lawyers Guild, House Report Number 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950.)

American Labor Party

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-2 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party constitutes the force that controls it.

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Sills of Cambridge, Incorporated,
9 East 48th Street, New York, New York.

T-1 previously advised that on May 3, 1955, A. SOCOLOV received correspondence from Sills of Cambridge, Incorporated, 9 East 48th Street, New York, New York.

T-4, a private agency, which maintains records concerning business establishments, advised on March 1, 1954, that Sills of Cambridge, Incorporated, 9 East 48th Street, New York, New York, retailed a high-priced line of custom made suits, topcoats and other goods. Clientele consists of students and professors at Harvard University and professional men in New York City. Sills of Cambridge operates their parent store at Cambridge, Massachusetts. MORTON SILLS is President and BENJAMIN SILLS is Treasurer of this company. T-4 has furnished reliable information in the past.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1948, that BENJAMIN SILLS was the Acting Chairman of the Founding of the Cambridge Branch of the Progressive Party of Massachusetts, which was held on March 9, 1948, at 55 Austin Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

T-5 advised that BENJAMIN SILLS was one of the two individuals acting in a official capacity at the meeting, who were not Communists. The informant further stated that a Continuation Committee was nominated at the meeting and was to meet sometime later that month at the home of BENJAMIN SILLS, 19 Laveret Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts to formulate plans for the Progressive Party of Massachusetts.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1952, that a Communist Party official on the policy making level had stated that the Communist Party was the backbone of the Progressive Party of Massachusetts and that, in fact, the Communist Party was directing the activities of the Progressive Party of Massachusetts.

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On December 22, 1954, BENJAMIN SILLS was interviewed by SE PAUL J. NEUMANN and JOHN DAVIS ROBERSON. He admitted being active in the Progressive Party of Massachusetts in 1947 and 1948, but he denied that he had ever known or associated with any Communists in this organization. He stated he was never a member of the Communist Party and he added that he did not believe Communism, as it existed in the United States today, constituted any threat to the Government.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 8, 1947, that MORTON SILLS attended a Communist Party meeting on that date at Communist Party Headquarters, Boston, Massachusetts.

MORTON SILLS was interviewed on May 17, 1955, by SA WILLIAM J. FORTUNE and SA JOHN DAVIS ROBERSON, outside his residence, 352 East 51st Street, New York City. When asked whether he was ever a member of the Communist Party he declined to answer, stating he would have to consider the matter before answering. He stated he had never done anything inimical to the best interests of this country.

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T-1 Mail Cover on subj's home, 185 Claremont Ave., NYC.	Correspondent's of Subject's husband	As indica- ted in the details	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant File
T-2 [redacted]	Used to document ALP (By request)			
[redacted]	Used to document ALP			
T-4 [redacted]	Info re Sills of Cambridge, Inc.	3/1/54	SA LEROY C. DAVIS	100-118060-10
T-5 [redacted]	Info re BENJAMIN SILLS	1948		100-118060-10
T-6 [redacted]	Used to document Progressive Party of Massachusetts			
T-7 BS-MS 100-54	Info re MORTON SILLS	1/8/47		100-116650-5

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The indices of the NYO contained no information on MONY LOWELL SONTAG or Dr. SAMUEL BAR.

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3. Will ascertain whether MONTY LOWELL SONTAG is identical with the individual presently occupying the subject's apartment.
4. Will, through mail cover and other sources of information attempt to ascertain where subject is vacationing.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, NY, 5/31/55.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - - - - - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (105-1329)

DATE: 8/12/55

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FROM : ROBERT S. BUGBEE, SA

SUBJECT: CHINESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN
THE NEW YORK AREA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CH

On June 30, 1955, [redacted] advised SA ROLAND G. KEARNS and SA THOMAS J. LARDNER that he would consider the actual founders of the Chinese Youth Club (CYC), in 1938, to be HERBERT CHAN, who is presently in San Francisco, California, TOM LING OY, who departed for China in 1951, ROBERT S. WONG, YEE CHICK-MIN, and JAMES S. H. LEE. The informant considered ROBERT S. WONG, YEE CHICK-MIN, and JAMES S. H. LEE to have been Communists at the time of the founding of the CYC, and HERBERT CHAN and TOM LING OY to be Communist sympathizers.

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- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 105-1689 (CYC)
- 1 - NY 100- (HERBERT C. CHAN)
- 1 - NY 100-87407 (TOM LING OY)
- 1 - NY 105-6132 (ROBERT S. WONG)
- 1 - NY 100-72822 (ALBERT WONG)
- 1 - NY 105-2163 (SALVATION TIMES)
- 1 - NY 100-102008 (JAMES S. H. LEE)
- 1 - NY 105- (SING YEE)
- 1 - NY 105- (YEUNG - Salvation Times)
- 1 - NY 105- (LOH TSE - Female)
- 1 - NY 105- (FRANK NIPP - San Francisco Youth Representative)
- 1 - NY 105- (SU Kai-Min)
- 1 - NY 100-63825 (CDN)
- 1 - NY 105-1588 (CHLA)
- 1 - NY 100-63778 (CHU TONG)
- 1 - NY 105- (LOUISE CHEN)
- 1 - NY 105- (GLADYS - LNU - Chinese)
- 1 - NY 105- (CHINESE WORKERS CENTER)
- 1 - NY 105-2404 (CHUNG Mon-Lee)
- 1 - NY 105- (CHI Ch'ao-tung)
- 1 - NY 105-13122 (CHINESE VANGUARD)
- 1 - NY 100- (AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CHINESE PEOPLE)
- 1 - NY 100- (PHILLIP JAFFE)
- 1 - NY 100- (LOUIE SPECTOR)
- 1 - NY 100-66543 (KATHERINE RENFIELD)

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1 - NY 100-56 (MICHAEL DAVIDOW)
1 - NY 100- (ROBERT CAMPBELL)
① - NY 65- (JUDY COPLON)
1 - NY 105-7745 (DOREEN TUNG)
1 - NY 105-2446 (JACK FUN HO)
1 - NY 100-101853 (LEE Hung-poy)
1 - NY 105-2508 (ON JONG)
1 - NY 100-99433 (YEE CHICK-MIN)

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The actual group total of the initial members was approximately 10 to 12 and during the informant's membership period from 1938 to 1942, it never exceeded 50 members. These members paid fifty cents a month dues.

The informant advised that during the early years of the CYC, he was a member and believed that a small Communist group or Communist sympathizers within the organization controlled its policies and directed its activities and elections. This group included TOM LING OY, HERBERT CHAN, ALBERT WONG, JAMES S. H. LEE, and SING YEE. The informant believed that SING YEE is presently in New York City and residing near First Avenue on 12th or 13th Street.

Informant stated that although YEUNG (FNU), of the "Salvation Times", was one of the founders of the CYC, he was not a member due to his advanced age. However, YEUNG was a CP, USA member and aided in directing CYC activities.

In regard to the early activities of the CYC, the informant pointed out that in 1938 the first World Youth Congress was held in Geneva and in 1939 the second was held at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Prior to this second congress, a convention of youths, which could be called a pre-congress convention, was held at Randall's Island Stadium and approximately nine Chinese youths attended, representing China. ALBERT WONG attended this function as a representative of the CYC although not taking an active part. ALBERT WONG also attended the Vassar College meeting with LOH TSE, a Chinese girl from Europe, and FRANK NIPP as the San Francisco youth representative. ALBERT WONG's official function at this meeting was as a representative of the youth of north west China and he was also accompanied by SU KAI-MING and LAO WONG of the "Salvation Times". There was no actual representation from the CYC of New York City. The agenda was so huge that the informant, who also attended, could not recall it or any of the activities that took place or the functions of any of the individuals mentioned above.

The informant stated that during the years 1938 to 1941, the war between China and Japan raged and the CYC members collected funds to aid the besieged Chinese on the mainland.

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The informant further advised that during his period of membership in the CYC, he knew of no control, either direct or indirect, of the CYC by the "China Daily News" (CDN), CP, USA, or the Chinese Hand Laundry Alliance (CHLA). The informant knew of no control or influence exercised on the CYC by any foreign principal and although he had heard of attempts to have other Chinese youth groups in American cities act in concert with the activities of the CYC of New York, he never knew this action to actually materialize.

The informant knew of no actual influence exerted by CHU Tong on the CYC but believed it was likely that he influenced the CYC in the same way as YEUNG of the "Salvation Times" had earlier.

The informant also advised that during the late 1930's numerous Chinese youths used to meet at the International Center, YWCA, on East 17th Street in New York City. ALBERT WONG of the CYC attended numerous functions held there and served as CYC representative at the center. The informant recalled that LOUISE CHEN, whose whereabouts are presently unknown, GLADYS, last name unknown, a Barnard College student, and LOUISE CHEN's brother, whose name the informant did not recall, always attended functions held there. The main activities pertaining to Chinese youth was how they could best help China.

The informant also advised that during 1938 and 1939, a Chinese Workers Center was located at 9th Street and Second Avenue in Manhattan and later moved to an unknown address on Canal Street. The informant recalled that ALBERT WONG, JAMES S. H. LEE, and CHUNG MON LEE were members and several Communists, whose names he could not recall, were also members. The informant stated that the activities of the organization were such that it would be called a Communist front organization today. The organization was founded for "progressive people". The informant knew of no connection between the CYC and this organization although both JAMES S. H. LEE and ALBERT WONG belonged to it.

The informant stated that he did not know WONG KIM FONG, YUEN CHEE MIN, YEE WEI CHAI, YEE HONG YUO, YEE HON SHEN, and PAUL PON to be members of the CYC while he was a member.

[redacted] was contacted by SAs ROLAND G. KEARNS and ROBERT S. BUGBEE on July 14, 1955 and made available the following information:

According to the informant, CHI Ch'ao-tung, also known as HANSU CHAN, was an individual with whom he became acquainted in the middle 1930's when CHAN worked on the editorial staff of the "Vanguard", which was then being published in New York City. According to the informant, this person was, at that time, studying economics at a college or university located in New York City. On at least one occasion, CHAN gave a speech at Madison Square Garden for the American Friends of Chinese People, 168 West 23rd Street, New York City. According to this informant, CHAN was a Communist although the specific unit of the CP, USA, to which CHAN belonged was not known to the informant. CHAN would, on occasion, be called upon to make "reports" before the National Committee of the CP, USA, however, the informant stated he did not personally attend these meetings and has no detailed information regarding this activity on the part of CHAN. The informant stated that he believes CHAN to have left the United States and to have returned to the China mainland sometime between 1942 and 1946. Informant recalled that CHAN was married to a Caucasian and that he held a Doctor's Degree (probably in the field of Economics or Philosophy). He stated that CHAN is currently a vice-president of the Bank of China in China. Informant recalled CHAN as a close associate of PHILLIP JAFFE in connection with their mutual connection with the American Friends of the Chinese People, and that CHAN was the editor of that organization's publication, "China Day".

According to the informant, one LOUIE SPECTOR was very active as a recruiter for the CP, USA, in the 14th Street area of New York City during the middle or late 1930's. According to the informant, LOUIE SPECTOR was formerly married to KATHRIN SPECTOR RENFIELD and is currently married to ANNE SPECTOR, and that they both reside on Staten Island. According to the informant, KATHRIN SPECTOR RENFIELD is the mother of GLADYS RENFIELD DAVIDOW, a former wife (GLADYS) of MICHAEL DAVIDOW. Informant advised that he knows all of these individuals and LOUIE SPECTOR's elderly mother (name not known) to be very sympathetic to the Communist movement. He further stated that he knows KATHRIN RENFIELD, MICHAEL DAVIDOW, LOUIE SPECTOR, and ANNE SPECTOR to have been active members of various units of the CP, USA.

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Informant advised that on July 6, 1955 (Wednesday), LOUIE SPECTOR, ANNE SPECTOR, and LOUIE SPECTOR's elderly mother appeared at Wong's Restaurant, Amityville, Long Island, for supper. According to the informant, he was asked by these individuals to join them at their table and the following items were discussed:

LOUIE SPECTOR is presently employed by his brother, MARTY SPECTOR, who operates a refrigeration business on Staten Island. LOUIE SPECTOR is a collector for his brother and is usually very busy during the early and middle part of each month. The last week of each month, however, he has a good deal of free time to himself. According to the informant, LOUIE and the others talked in such a manner as to lead the informant to believe that they considered him to be personally a member of the CP, USA, and as a part of the Communist movement in the New York area. LOUIE SPECTOR stated that recently ROBERT CAMPBELL, an important Negro organizer for the CP, USA in Harlem years ago and who more recently has been in the Cleveland area where he is believed to have recently been arrested, in connection with the Cleveland Smith Act trials, visited LOUIE and his wife at their Staten Island home. The SPECTORS also stated that they have a large number of visitors at their residence and recently they were visited by a "progressive" young lady from Pittsburgh whose brother is currently a member of the "Central Committee" of the CP, USA.

The PSI advised that he was invited to the home of the SPECTORS in the very near future and was given a card by ANNE SPECTOR which contained the following information as to the SPECTORS' Staten Island residence: "ANNE SPECTOR; Superfluous Hair Permanently Removed by Electrolysis; 32 Titus Avenue, Now Drop 6, Staten Island; Telephone number Elgin-10397 (card originally showed telephone as Donegan Hills 5-4338J)."

From the foregoing conversation, the informant stated that he believes the SPECTORS are currently engaged in the Communist movement on Staten Island and that possibly they are using their residence for the benefit of individuals in the New York area movement and apparently from other sections of the country.

ANNE SPECTOR also talked at length about the tactics of the FBI. She stated that the FBI would ask for information

on a "cooperative" basis and then would never let the person giving the information alone. She also told the informant that no one should talk to FBI Agents and stated that she had a friend (not further identified) who once talked to JUDY COPLON's husband and, according to this friend, COPLON's husband, who is a lawyer, advised the friend that no one had to talk to the FBI and if the FBI persisted that they could call the police for protection. ANNE SPECTOR also told the informant that rules regarding how they should act when approached by Agents of the FBI are being made available to the various "members of the movement" to protect them.

Should any of the foregoing information pertaining to the informant's contact with the SPECTORS, the DAVIDOWS, and in general the information regarding the SPECTORS' activity on Staten Island and their visit to Amityville, Long Island, be utilized extreme caution should be used to suitably paraphrase this information and to report it in such a manner as to completely protect this informant in view of the limited number of individuals acquainted with this information. It is further pointed out that no mention should be made of this memorandum pertaining to Chinese activity as mention of this information would also tend to identify this informant.

It is further suggested that should active investigation regarding the SPECTORS or the other individuals named herein result from the information set forth in this memorandum that at the present time any inquiries in connection with the investigation of these individuals should be restricted to established sources of known reliability. It is noted that the activities of the informant are being directed at the present time towards further infiltration into the Staten Island movement and it is felt that active investigation on Staten Island in connection with this matter at the present time would jeopardize the informant.

When contacted on July 14, 1955, this informant was questioned regarding DOREEN TUNG, nee MAO, and he advised that he is acquainted with a woman who resides on Long Island whom he met approximately five or more years ago at an unrecalled social function. The informant described this person as being approximately 5' 4" or 5' 5" tall, heavy set, and as wearing glasses. Informant stated that his acquaintance with this individual is limited to the one social function and

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he has no information regarding any Communist activity on this person's part and he is unable to definitely identify this individual as being identical with the subject of NY file 105-7745.

The informant was also questioned regarding any information as to the date and method of transportation used by JACK FUN HO, NY 105-2446, when he returned to China. The informant stated that he believes JACK FUN HO returned to China during late 1949 or early 1950 and stated that he believes he returned by steamship. Informant advised that he does not know how HO obtained his passage; however, he knows a great number of the Chinese returning to China obtain their passage through the travel agency of DING SAI JEN in Chinatown.

The informant was recontacted regarding LEE Hung-poy and he advised that he has no information regarding this individual's activities subsequent to 1952.

The informant gave the following information regarding ON JONG, NY file 105-2508:

The informant described ON JONG as having been a typesetter and compositor at the "China Daily News" and that he was last seen by the informant during 1954. Informant described ON JONG as 5' 5" or 5' 6", 145 pounds, stout build, bald, and would now be approximately 35 years of age.

Informant also advised on July 14, 1955 that during 1952 the leaders of the various Chinese Communist cells in the New York City area met every month or two at the headquarters of the "China Daily News", 105 Mott Street, New York City. According to the informant, these meetings were held for the purpose of determining and directing Chinese Communist activity in the New York area.

Informant stated that these meetings were held after working hours at 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock in the evening.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 8/17/55

Director, FBI (65-58365)

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14932) Attention:

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R☒ Domestic Intelligence Division☐ Investigative Division

Name: Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, JUDITH SOCOLOV, JUDITH COPLON

Address: 185 Claremont Avenue, New York, New York

Type of Mail: First Class

Type of Cover: Return

Period Covered: 30 days

Purpose of Cover: To ascertain the correspondents of subject
and to determine the extent of their association with subject.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.) Subject's activities in behalf of the Soviet Union have resulted in convictions in the U. S. District Courts in New York and Washington, D.C. Although her convictions were reversed by higher courts, the New York Appeals Court stated "Her guilt was plain." She is a known Soviet Espionage agent. It is felt that the identity of all her correspondents be ascertained due to her background. The mail cover would entail no embarrassment to the Bureau.

APPROVED *JED*Date *8/15/55*

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:
Honorable ROBERT H. SCHAFFER, Acting Postmaster
General Post Office
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue
New York 1, New York

RWC:JED
*met**65-14932-1176*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 8-26-55

FROM : SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.
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(NY 65-14932)

INVESTIGATION AT SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE, 185 CLAREMONT AVE, NEW YORK CITY, REFLECTS THAT SHE IS VACATIONING "ON A FARM" FOR THE SUMMER. A REVIEW OF HER FILE REFLECTS THAT SHE MADE A TOLL CALL TO DAVID JAFFE, GLEN WILD, NEW YORK

DAVID JAFFE IS AN SI SUBJECT OF THIS DIVISION AND HE OPERATES A CHICKEN FARM IN GLEN WILD. HE ALSO HAS COTTAGES THERE WHICH HE RENTS.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT A DISCREET INQUIRY BE MADE AT GLEN WILD, NEW YORK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SUBJECT IS AT THE FARM OF DAVID JAFFE.

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Lester JHL

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: August 26, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-58365)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA Robert W. Coholan dated 8-17-55 at New York. Referenced report indicates subject with her two children left her apartment approximately the middle of June and apparently is spending the summer outside of New York City.

You should immediately contact all available sources necessary to determine the exact whereabouts of Coplon and advise Bureau when you have located her.

You are instructed to make the necessary arrangements with your sources so that in the future you will be kept currently advised of Coplon's whereabouts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Sac, New York

FROM : SA Robert W. Coholan

DATE: 8-30-55

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon was. Judith Socolov, Mrs. Albert Socolov.

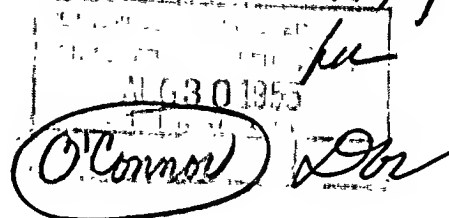
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Mr. Marge BARATIERI, 185 Claremont Ave., N.Y.C., a neighbor of subject advised on 8-30-55 that subject and her two children are vacationing on Fire Island, N.Y. since June, 1955.

The Bureau has requested that her exact whereabouts be determined and the Bureau advised of same.

The Bayshore R.A. is requested to contact all available sources necessary to determine her whereabouts.

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290 Broadway,
New York 7, New York
NY 65-14932

Postmaster

September 1, 1955

Honorable Robert H. Schaffer, Acting Postmaster
Main Post Office
33rd Street and Eighth Avenue
New York 1, New York
Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish this office with the following information on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, received by the individual listed below for a period of thirty days:

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Socolov,
Judith Socolov, Judith Coplon
185 Claremont Avenue,
New York 27, New York

1. The name of addressee if different from above.
2. Name and return address of sender.
3. All postmark data including date, time, and place mailed from.
4. All information on return cards.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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 NY, NY 9/13/55 Bureau

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McBulet, 8/26/55.

Mrs. BART BARATIERI, Apt. 1C, 185 Claremont Ave., NYC, advised on 8/30/55, that subject is spending the summer on Fire Island, LI, NY. Mrs. BARATIERI said she obtained this information from either Mrs. SOPHIE RIVERS, Mrs. HERMAN SIMMS or Mrs. PAUL ADLER. She stated that these women are close friends of subject and she is sure they are aware of the fact that subject had been arrested and convicted of Espionage and is presently out on bail.

On 9/12/55, SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN observed the subject about the premises of 185 Claremont Ave., with her two children.

Mrs. BARATIERI advised on 9/12/55, that subject had returned on that date from her vacation. Mrs. BARATIERI further stated that she had learned from Mrs. SOPHIE RIVERS that subject intends to move in the near future. Mrs. RIVERS said subject's mother will live with her when they move.

In addition, on 9/7/55, Mrs. BARATIERI overheard subject's husband, ALBERT SOGOLOV tell one of the tenants in the building that he was bringing his family home soon and "they were going to move to the country as it was good for the kids." Mrs. BARATIERI is in a position to furnish information as she lived in the apartment for 13 years, knows all the tenants and her apartment adjoins the mailboxes where the tenants often gather and she is able to listen to their conversations.

Efforts are being made to determine where subject spent her vacation on Fire Island. It is noted that Fire Island is extremely difficult to cover inasmuch as many Communists have summer residences there and the bungalows are often isolated

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so that no one can approach without arousing suspicion. In addition there is practically no transportation since no cars are allowed to come on the island.

WALTER OLSEN, Superintendent, 175 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY, advised on 9/9/55, that subject's mother Mrs. REBECCA COPLON continues to reside at that address. Mr. OLSEN will notify this office if Mrs. COPLON moves.

On 9/1/55, AUSA GEORGE BAILEY advised that subject is presently out on \$40,000 bail and that travel is limited to the EDNY and the SDNY. However, she is also allowed to travel to and from Washington, D.C., to stay there and take care of legal proceedings. This case will continue to receive close attention and the Bureau will be immediately advised when the subject moves from 185 Claremont Ave.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

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September 21, 1955

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

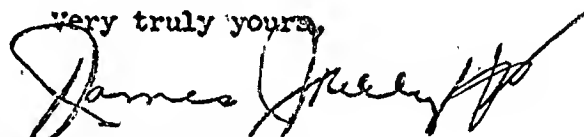
Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation
being conducted by this office it is requested that infor-
mation be furnished concerning toll calls charged to
NO 3-1581 during May 1, 1955 to date
This number is reported to be listed to

Mrs. Albert Socolov
185 Claremont Avenue

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly
appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI, DENVER (65-659)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-50263)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet to Denver 9/25/55.

Mrs. IRMA STEPHANY GAIHAN, interviewed at Denver, yesterday, advised she was employed as translator in Slavic Languages, Special War Services Unit, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. from 1942 to 1946 and was fellow employee of JUDITH COPLON from early 1945 until February, 1946, when COPLON was employed in French Language Section, same unit, which Section was next door to Slavic Language Section.

Sometime during February 1946, just prior to Mrs. GAIHAN's transference to a Department of Commerce position, COPLON came into Slavic Language Section and looked over a number of data clips in a file drawer near Mrs. GAIHAN's desk, which were in English language and contained information concerning Czechoslovaks in United States, who were in Communist movement. This was the only occasion Mrs. GAIHAN directly suspected COPLON of possible espionage activity.

She mentioned that Mrs. IRWIN LONGLEY, another Justice Department employee, later informed her in 1946 that COPLON had volunteered to assist in moving Justice Department files from Hutchins Building, Washington, D.C. to Department Building, where Mrs. LONGLEY stated COPLON displayed unusual interest in Department files and was apparently examining them after office hours. Mrs. GAIHAN, who had very limited association with COPLON from early 1945 until February 1946, stated she last saw COPLON

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accidentally on the streets of Washington, D.C. in August 1948, soon after Mrs. CALMAN had returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia. COPLON commented that she, COPLON, had just returned from a trip to France and seemed to be aware that Mrs. CALMAN had been on a trip to Czechoslovakia. Mrs. CALMAN advised she furnished all of the above in the Fall of 1948 to an FBI Agent in Washington, D.C., who interviewed her under the name of IRMA STEPPANY CALMAN. Mrs. CALMAN is leaving today for California to be married soon to one ARVID JOHNSON and will be care of ARVID JOHNSON, Yucca Valley, California by the middle of October next. Report follows.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NY (65-14932)

DATE: 9/22/55

FROM : SA VICK H. Lupton

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon
Esp - RAT Glen Wild, NY.

Samuel Fine, a close friend of David Jaffe advised on 9/22/55 that he has visited the Jaffe's recently and saw no signs of subject. Fine has previously been contacted & has furnished reliable information.

Harold Michael, PD Mountaintop which is near Glen Wild and [redacted] C who is acquainted with the Jaffes both visitors the Jaffe Farm but did not see subject.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: Sept. 29, 1955

FROM : SA Robert W. Cochran

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon, was. (65-14932)
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Mrs. Barateri, a neighbor of subject, advised on 9-23-55 that subject may have spent her vacation on Shelter Island, L.I., N.Y.

A review of the files of this office reflect that Sherwood Farms, Shelter Island, L.I., N.Y. caters to individuals who are communists or communist sympathizers.

It is requested that the Bayshore R.A. attempt to verify, through their sources, subject's presence at this farm.

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DIRECTOR (65-58265) AND SAC NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Denver airtel dated 9/21/55 and Bureau airtel dated
9/24/55.

WFO indices and appropriate files reviewed, but these do
not reflect IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN ever interviewed by WFO.

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REPORT MADE AT DENVER	DATE WHEN 9/29/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/19, 20, 26/55	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. PEYTON, JR.	mf
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. IRMA S. CALNAN, Denver, former translator in Slavic Language Section, Special War Services Unit, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., advised she was fellow employee of COPLON from early 1945 until 2/46, when COPLON was employed in French Language Section, same unit, which section was then adjacent to Mrs. CALNAN's section. In 2/46 Mrs. CALNAN observed COPLON look over data slips in Slavic Language Section, which contained information concerning Czechoslovakians in U. S. who were in Communist movement. Another employee, Mrs. IRENE LONGLEY, later informed Mrs. CALNAN in 1946 that COPLON had volunteered to move Justice Department files from Hutchins Building, Washington, D. C., to department building, and had also displayed unusual interest in department files and was apparently examining them after office hours. Mrs. CALNAN had limited association with COPLON from early 1945 until 2/46 and has not seen COPLON since 8/48.

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DETAILS:

Mrs. IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN was interviewed on September 20, 1955 at 1951 Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado, where she was then temporarily residing, at which time she advised she was formerly employed as a translator in the Slavic Language Section, Special War Services Unit, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., from 1942 until 1946. Mrs. CALNAN stated

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that her years of service in this connection were spent at Washington, D. C. and that she was a fellow employee of subject COPLON from early 1945 until February 1946 during which time COPLON was employed in the French Language Section, Special War Services Unit, which section was next door to the Slavic Language Section, then located on the fifth floor, Hutchins Building, Washington, D. C. Mrs. CALNAN recalled that at that time a Mr. McKNIGHT was COPLON's superior. Mrs. CALNAN, who terminated her Department of Justice employment some time in February 1946 to take up employment with the Department of Commerce, stated that COPLON claimed she had a degree from Barnard College.

In connection with COPLON's activities as a Department of Justice employee, Mrs. CALNAN recalled that some time during February 1946, just prior to Mrs. CALNAN's transferral to a Department of Commerce position, COPLON came into the Slavic Language Section and looked over a number of data slips located in a file drawer near Mrs. CALNAN's desk, which data slips were in the English language and contained information concerning Czechoslovakians in the United States who were reported to be in the Communist movement. Mrs. CALNAN stated that she was rather surprised when COPLON came into the Slavic Language Section and asked COPLON what she was doing in that section. She recalled that COPLON answered, "oh, I'm looking up something". Mrs. CALNAN stated that she continued the conversation by asking, "well, why should you be interested - you don't speak the language (Czechoslovakian)". Mrs. CALNAN then recalled that COPLON replied: "you would be surprised how much I know". Mrs. CALNAN added that this incident occurred just before 5:00 or 5:30 P.M. on the particular day the incident happened. Mrs. CALNAN stated this was the only time she had ever directly suspected COPLON of any possible espionage or other subversive activity.

However, Mrs. CALNAN recalled further that Mrs. IRENE LONGLEY, another Justice Department employee who was ~~then in charge~~ of all foreign incoming newspapers, later informed Mrs. CALNAN in 1946 that COPLON had volunteered to assist in moving Justice Department files from the Hutchins Building in Washington, D. C. to the Department of Justice Building. In this connection Mrs. CALNAN commented that soon after she transferred to the Department of Commerce, the Special War Services Unit, Department of Justice, moved

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in the late winter or early spring of 1946 from the Hutchins Building to the Department of Justice Building. Mrs. CALNAN also recalled that Mrs. LONGLEY had mentioned to her that some of the files transferred over from the Hutchins Building to the Department of Justice Building remained for some time in hallways, rather than rooms, of the Justice Building where COPLON had easy access to these files. Mrs. CALNAN added that Mrs. LONGLEY further mentioned to her that COPLON frequently remained in the Justice Building after office hours and that Mrs. LONGLEY suspected COPLON had an unusual interest in Justice Department files. Mrs. CALNAN could not recall the exact time Mrs. LONGLEY reported the above to her but stated it was some time in 1946, subsequent to February 1946.

Mrs. CALNAN stated that during her association with COPLON in the Special War Services Unit, Department of Justice, the association was very limited and Mrs. CALNAN actually saw very little of COPLON during the approximate year they were fellow employees in the Special War Services Unit. Mrs. CALNAN related that she went on a trip to Czechoslovakia in August 1947, returning to the United States in July 1948. Thereafter in about August 1948, she recalled meeting COPLON accidentally on the streets of Washington, D. C., at which time COPLON mentioned conversationally that she had just returned from a trip to France. Mrs. CALNAN added that when she remarked to COPLON that she, Mrs. CALNAN, had just returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia, COPLON indicated she was aware of that trip. Mrs. CALNAN stated she had wondered at the time how COPLON knew of Mrs. CALNAN's trip to Czechoslovakia. Mrs. CALNAN stated she was unaware in August 1948 of COPLON's employment and added that she has never again seen COPLON or talked to her since the summer of 1948.

Mrs. CALNAN advised that she is now engaged to be married to one ARVID JOHNSON of Yucca Valley, California, and that in the event she is needed at any further time, her address as of the middle of October 1955 will be care of ARVID JOHNSON, Yucca Valley, California.

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It is noted that during the course of the interview with Mrs. IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN at Denver, Mrs. CALNAN remarked that she had been interviewed by an FBI agent in the fall of 1948 in Washington, D. C. concerning subject COPLON. Mrs. CALNAN stated that her name was then IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN, under which name she was interviewed and that she had reported to the interviewing FBI agent approximately the same information which is incorporated in instant report.

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Washington Field for information in view of the interest of that office in the COPLON matter.

REFERENCES

Bulet to Denver dated 9/15/55
Denver airtel to Bureau dated 9/21/55.

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 5, 1955

Director, FBI (65-56365)

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Mrs. Irma Steffany Calnan, when interviewed by an agent of the Denver office on September 20, 1955, to determine the nature and extent of her association with Coplon and whether she had any reason to believe Coplon was engaged in espionage during her period of association, furnished the following information:

Mrs. Calnan was a fellow employee of Coplon in the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., from early 1945 to early 1946. Some time during February, 1946, just prior to Calnan's transfer to Department of Commerce position, Coplon came into the Slavic Language Section and looked over a number of data slips in a file drawer near Mrs. Calnan's desk, which were in the English language and contained information concerning Czechoslovakians in the U. S., who were in the Communist movement. This was the only occasion Mrs. Calnan directly suspected Coplon of possible espionage activity.

She mentioned that Mrs. Irene Longley, another Justice Department employee, later informed her in 1946 that Coplon had volunteered to assist in moving Justice Department files from the Hutchins Building, Washington, D. C., to the Department Building where Mrs. Longley stated Coplon displayed unusual interest in Department files and was apparently examining them after office hours. Mrs. Calnan said she had very limited association with Coplon from early 1945 until February, 1946. She last saw Coplon accidentally on the streets of Washington, D. C., in August, 1946. Soon after Mrs. Calnan had returned from a trip to Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Calnan advised that she furnished all of the above in the Fall of 1948 to an FBI agent in Washington, D. C., who interviewed her under the name of Irma Steffany Calnan. She was unable to recall the name of the agent who interviewed her but to the best of her recollection the interview concerned Coplon.

cc - 2 - Washington Field (65-5135)

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Letter to SAC, Los Angeles

The investigation of Judith Coplon was not initiated until January, 1949. There were ^{no} interviews conducted of acquaintances or associates of Coplon until immediately following her arrest on March 4, 1949. Bureau files do not reflect that Calnan was ever interviewed concerning Coplon prior to September 20, 1945.

Mrs. Irene Longley when interviewed subsequent to the arrest of Coplon did not relate to the interviewing agents the information she allegedly furnished Calnan regarding Coplon. Mrs. Calnan was employed by the Bureau as a translator from September 7, 1943, until July 1, 1948, at which time she resigned giving ill health as her reason. In October, 1949, she appeared at the Bureau on two occasions seeking reinstatement. However, there were no vacancies for a translator with her qualifications at that time. When seeking reinstatement, she admitted that the administrative requirements of the Bureau had influenced her decision to resign. Bureau files reflect that Calnan was interviewed in connection with her application for employment with the Bureau on July 30, 1948, by Dale Norman, currently assigned to the Los Angeles Division. You should ascertain from Norman if Calnan furnished any information to him concerning Coplon during her interview on July 30, 1948.

Mrs. Calnan departed Denver September 20, 1945, to be married to one Arvid Johnson and subsequent to their honeymoon she could be reached in care of Arvid Johnson, Yucca Valley, California, by the middle of October, 1945. You should make arrangements to have Mrs. Johnson, nee Calnan, reinterviewed as soon as she becomes available for any additional information she may possess relative to the circumstances under which she allegedly furnished information to the FBI concerning subject.

Submit results of interviews promptly by airtel with copies to New York (office of origin) and WFO.

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3-10-49

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent L.W.R. OBERNDORF

Source from which obtained APARTMENT OF JUDITH COPLON,

Address APT. 135, JEFFERSON HALL, McLEAN GARDENS

Purpose for which acquired EVIDENCE

Location of bulky exhibit SIXTH FLOOR EXHIBIT RACK

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit RETAIN FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

List of contents:

1. L.C. Smith & Corona Standard Portable Typewriter, Serial #1C180116

Taken to US District Court
D of C; for evidence,
6/7/49. - LWRD.

Transferred as evidence
in District court in
New York

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Assistant
& Attorney General

John Hebl
Raymond J. Whearty

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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3-21-49

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent Mendenhall & Payne

Source from which obtained Recovered from subject's office and Apt.

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired Evidence

Location of bulky exhibit FILE CABINET DRAWER, 100
File cabinets of GCO

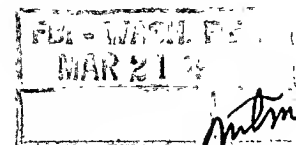
Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit Retain until close of case

List of contents:

1. One package containing photographs of material which was in Room 2220 Dept. of Justice on 1-19-49, occupied by subject.
2. Various items from subject's apartment, including personal correspondence, and carbon paper, as returned by Laboratory.

~~3. Note re search of subject's Apt.~~ ^{changed}
3. Note of S.A. Olindeoff re search of Coplon's
apartment by search Warrant on 3-5-49.
All items destroyed per B authority
Memo dated 5/29/67. mth.

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further disposition of these exhibits are made.
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65-5128-181

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 3-22-49 thru

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent MENDENHALL & PAYNE

Source from which obtained VARIOUS - MATERIAL TOO BULKY FOR 1A ENVELOPE

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATIVE

Location of bulky exhibit ~~660 ROOM~~ 531 FILE CABINET DRAWER, 660

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit RETAIN INDEFINITELY

List of contents:

*destroyed
8-28-49*

1. ~~Twenty-four photos and nine negatives of subject JUDITH COPLON.~~
2. Three photographs of HELEN SIEGEL. - *Placed in Photo file, Room 5328*
3. Three photographs of VALENTIN ALEK SEEVICH GUBICHEV. *destroyed
7-18-49*
4. MAIL COVERS. *Destroyed 8-28-49*
5. Receipt given SA Oberndorf by CHARLES L. ALLISON FOR ARTICLES TAKEN FROM
Apt. of subject 3/5/49, under a search warrant.
6. Notes of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS., Re interview with SEYMOUR NAGEN. - *Destroyed
10-3-51 TAM*
7. ~~Investigative notes of SA EARL L. FUOSS RE search of COPLON'S apartment~~
~~by search warrant on 3/5/49.~~ *Dest. per Memo
dated 6-29-67 mmj*

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*Converted to 1A
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~~8. Notes of SA JOE R. CRAIN re search of COPLON'S apartment, 3685 38 Street, N. W.,~~

Apartment 135, by search warrant on 3/5/49.

↖ Dest. per Memo
dated 5-29-67.
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9. Search warrant for Subjects Apt. (This search warrant has been turned over
to Attorney General and has been placed in evidence subject to the disposition
on the courts concerned with this case.)

10. Photostatic copy of an Affidavit For Search Warrant for COPLON'S apartment
sworn to by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE on 3/5/51.

11. Photostatic copy of a disposition sworn to by SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE on 3/5/49
filed in connection with the Affidavit for Search Warrant.

12. Copy of disposition of GERALDINE DE VAUGHN re typewriter observed in
COPLON'S room files in connection with the obtaining of a search warrant.

13. Copy of signed statement of HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO. (The original of this
of this statement was delivered to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND
WHEARTY on 1/12/50 for use in the trial of COPLON).

14. Signed statement of RUTH N. BLAUSTEIN.

15. Signed statement of BERNARD S. MORRIS & INTERVIEW LOG.

16. Signed statement of ETTA TAYLOR.

17. Interview log of JESSE MACKENZIE MACKNIGHT.

18. Interview log of ESTHER PAULINE ANNIF.

19. Interview log of J. M. STONE.

20. Interview log of WILTON QUINT.

21. Signed statement of JOSEPH M. STONE.

22. Signed statement of DORA SANDERS.

23. Copy of Indictment returned 4:10 P.M. by Grand Jury in WASHINGTON, D. C. 3/16/49

24. Signed statment of Mrs. RUTH ROSSEN.

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25. Signed statement of JOM GAIL RAYWID.
26. Signed statement of SEYMOUR P. NAGAN.
27. Log on SEYMOUR P. NAGAN.
28. Eight photographs and negatives copied from State Dept. files. (The negative and 3 prints of a photograph of PHILIP PAVIA, have been removed from the Bulky Exhibits and placed in the WFO photo file, Room 532 B. The other copies have been destroyed.)
29. Copy of AIRGRAM #A-129, dated 3-22-48 signed by PINKERTON-originating in LEBANON. *Destroyed*
30. Copy of AIRGRAM #A-210 dated 3-12-48 signed BARUCH. *Destroyed*
31. Stenographic notes of BARBARA RUFFIN re signed statement of SHAPIRO 3-5-49.
32. Signed permission to search locker of JUDITH COPLON at McLean Gardens. This permission was signed by her brother, BERTRAM G. COPLON. (This document was turned over to SA T. SCOTT MILLER of the New York Office in April, 1949 for transmittal to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY and JOHN KELLEY and is presently in the custody of the review courts.)
33. Copy of unsigned statement of HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO dated 3/14/49. (The original of this statement was furnished to Assistant Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY on 1/12/50.)
34. Signed statement of HAROLD SHAPIRO 6/18/49.
35. Photos of NORMAN BURSNER 1938-1941-1942-1943. (These photographs have been removed from BULKY EXHIBITS and placed in the WFO photo file, Room 532 B.
36. Copy of an International news photo taken during COPLON'S trial in D. C. about June 1949. (This item has been placed in WFO photo file, Room 532 B.
37. Neg's of COPLON'S petition of writ of certiorari. *Det. per memo dated 5/29/67. ind.*

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 4-18-49

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE-R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent MENDENHALL, ET AL

Source from which obtained VARIOUS (ITEM TOO NUMEROUS FOR 1 A ENVELOPE).

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATIVE

Location of bulky exhibit 660 ROOM 531 FILE CABINET DRAWER C/D

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit RETAIN AS LONG AS CASE IS PENDING

#2 DESTROY AFTER TRIAL

List of contents:

1. Photostatic copies of 39 documents found on COPLON'S person. See serial 268 and memo dated 3-7-49, listing documents individually. (Destroyed)
2. Work paper of SA WINTÉ - may be destroyed after trial.
3. Negatives and photos of ELIZ. DIJOUR, signature of DIJOUR, and photo of MARIE HARDELL. (Negatives and photos have been put in WFO photo file, Room 532-B)
4. Two copies of subject's income tax returns for 1943-46-47.
5. SA CRAIG'S notes re search of DATA SLIP FILES, Room 2220, Justice.
6. Notes of OWI file review on ELIZABETH DIJOUR. (Destroyed)

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7. Ten neg's of photos re Rm. 2220, Dept. of JUSTICE BLDG.
8. Signed chronology of ALFRED B. STEVENSON'S CONTACTS WITH COPLON. (3-8-49)
9. Signed statement of ROBERT S. BENJAMIN RE ASSOCIATION with COPLON dated 3-8-49.
10. Signed statement of STANLEY E. COFFIN re acquaintance with COPLON.
11. Copies of data slips in possession of subject on arrest 3-4-49, (This item is identical as item No. 1.)

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ARE MADE.

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 7-15-49

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent MENDENHALL, ETAL

Source from which obtained VARIOUS ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS FOR 1 A ENVELOPE

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired INVESTIGATIVE

Location of bulky exhibit 660 ROOM 531 FILE CABINET DRAWER, CCO

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit RETAIN ALL NECESSARY ITEMS AS
INTEGRAL PART OF FILE.

List of contents:

1. Surveillance notes of SA C. J. JONES for surveillances of COPLON
conducted on 1-7-49 and 3-4-49.
2. Notes taken by SA JONES re finding data slips in Rm. 2220, Dept Justice
Bldg. on 3-7-49. (Item #2, trial as evidence, Photostatic copy maintained.)
3. AAA Touring Bureau file on JUDITH COPLON.
4. Work papers of SA BERGER re COPLON'S BANK ACCT. AND BONDS.
5. Agency checks results from State Dept. 8-23-49. *19 destroyed*
6. Photostat of affidavit of SA T. SCOTT MILLER.

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7. Copy of JUDGE REEVES charge to the Jury.

8. Photostat copy of affidavit of GERALDINE DEVAUGH.

Destroyed

9. Petition for writ of CERTIORARI to the CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS of the
D. C. filed 8-24-51.

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ARE MADE.

BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 10-26-49

JUDITH COPION

ESPIONAGE R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent T. A. MENDENHALL

Source from which obtained NEW YORK OFFICE

Address NY

Purpose for which acquired INFORMATION

Location of bulky exhibit CCO FILE CABINETS

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit TO BE DESTROYED WHEN CASE IS CLOSED.

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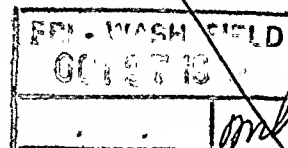
1. Photostatic copies of Passenger and crew list aboard S.S. Wisconsin which sailed from LeHavre, France 7-13-48, and arrived N.Y. on 7-24-48.

*Destroyed per Oberndorf
10-20-50.
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BULKY EXHIBIT

Date received 11-1-49

JUDITH COPLON

ESPIONAGE - R

(Title of case)

Submitted by Special Agent T. A. MENDENHALL

Source from which obtained DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Address _____

Purpose for which acquired POSSIBLE USE IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL IN NEW YORK
OR ON APPEAL

Location of bulky exhibit 660 ROOM 531 FILE CABINET DRAWER, CCB

Ultimate disposition to be made of exhibit WHEN FINAL PROSECUTIVE ACTION
IS COMPLETED, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EITHER DESTROYING THESE
PHOTOSTATS, OR MAKING THEM INTO SUB-FILE.

List of contents:

1. Photostatic copies of pages from the transcript of Testimony at the COPLON
TRIAL in Washington, consisting of the testimony of:
 - A. SAC GUY HOTTEL
 - B. KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, SA
 - C. SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL
2. Testimony of COURTLAND J. JONES in Wash., D. C. Trial of COPLON.
3. Notes of SA OBERNDORF re interview of GERALDINE DE VAUGHN.
4. Lead and administrative pages removed from reports furnished to JUDGE RYAN

on 1-9-50 by MR. FLETCHER.

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5. Testimony of T. A. MENDENHALL 11-15, 12-20, 21-49 in N. Y. C.

6. Testimony of KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE on 12-21-49 and 1-11-50 in N. Y. C.

7. Testimony of T. A. MENDENHALL IN Preliminary hearing of N. Y. trial on
11-15-49.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field. - ~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
Espionage - R

77-18466

Zora
97-434-567

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 31, 1948, instructing you to institute a vigorous investigation of this woman in an effort to determine if she is still engaged in activities as a Soviet Espionage Agent. The following additional information is being submitted to you which should be the subject of immediate and exhaustive investigative attention. The person who recruited Sima, (Judith Coplon), was one Zora (code name), who, in December 1944, was apparently working for the Government and was considering transferring to the State Department, OSS or some other analogous agency. It was stated that the agency where Zora was employed would cease its independent operation in one half year. Another message mentions her mother and stepfather who were listed as having been active in the progressive movement, apparently meaning the Communist movement. An immediate attempt should be made through appropriate sources to determine what agency or agencies intended to cease independent operations 6 months after December, 1944. In the investigation of Judith Coplon's women associates, consideration should be given to determining what Government agencies they have been employed by and whether any has a stepfather, which you realize is the only identifying information we have concerning Zora. You will also note, however, that Judith Coplon was living in New York City prior to her transfer to Washington, D. C. Therefore, it might be assumed that Zora was also working for a Government agency in New York City although this is not conclusive.

In December, 1944, the MGB was also considering drawing into the work, Marion Davis, or Davies, who was thereafter to be known by the code name of Lou. On January 15, 1945, there is mention of "signing up Lou" through Zora, indicating that Marion Davis had agreed to work for the MGB.

Regarding Marion Davis, the Bureau references have been reviewed and two individuals have been noted who could possibly be the person we are seeking to identify. However, in view of the lack of information regarding this woman we will probably have to connect her with one of the other two women before we can make a positive identification. The Bureau file references did reveal the following:

A Marion Park Davis, in a period from May 26, 1944, to December 20, 1944, was, according to a technical surveillance on the Argentine Embassy, in contact on a number of occasions with two employees of the Embassy, one Ernesto Uriburu and one Escobar. The technical surveillance reflected that Marion Park Davis was employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. She was associating socially with these two men and canceled an engagement with Escobar on June 15, 1944, for the following evening because her husband was expected to return to Washington. Uriburu on August 31, 1944, thanked Marion Davis for what she had done for him through the War Department.

cc-New York

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A Marion Davis, who probably is not identical with Marion Park Davis identified above, contacted Jose Antonio Arze, the Head of the Party of the Revolutionary Left (Communist Party) of Bolivia, in New York City, on December 8, 1944. According to information secured from a technical surveillance [redacted] Arze at that time was in New York City recuperating from a gun shot wound he had received in Bolivia and was in contact with prominent members of the Communist Party, USA, including Earl Browder. Marion Davis at the time of this contact informed Arze that one Roberto had left Mexico on December 8, 1944, for the International Labor Conference which was to be held at Cali, Colombia, on December 10, 1944. b7D

According to information from the technical surveillance, this Marion Davis later obtained a position as a clerk with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, D. C. On January 8, 1945, she again conferred with Arze and told him that she had just received a telegram and was to leave for Washington the following day. Arze desired to see her before she left as he wanted to discuss "some matters of Warren." This probably referred to Avra Warren, who according to an article in the December 31, 1944, newspaper "PM" was the "new Head of the Office of American Republics Affairs," and reportedly had written a report on Bolivia which was the basis for the U. S. recognition of the Villaroal Government in Bolivia.

It was learned through the technical surveillance that this Marion Davis lived at 644 Riverside Drive, New York, telephone Edgecombe 4-6441. Through informant [redacted] (H.C. Staub, attorney for Western Union in New York City), it was learned b7D that the telegram received by Marion Davis was from Thomas Klechek, Director of the Division of the Personnel of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington. This telegram notified Miss Davis that her application as a clerk in the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs had been approved. The telegram instructed Miss Davis to report to room 7719, Department of Commerce Building, 14th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C.

A mail cover on Enrique De Lozada, who was a contact of Arze and who resided at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, reflected that he received a letter on May 25, 1945, addressed to Mr. Antonio De Lozada from one Marion Davis, 9609 66th Avenue, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

We have also conducted considerable investigation of one Marian Rubins Davis and her husband, Horace B. Davis, who are contacts of Mary Jane Keeney. However, this Marian Rubins Davis was not employed by the Government and left with her husband from Cumberland, Maryland, in June, 1944, to reside in Illinois. She and her husband are both active in the Communist Party, USA. Their present address is in Kansas City, Missouri.

The appropriate records of the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs should be examined to determine the background of Marion Park Davis and the Marion Davis who was hired in January, 1945. The background information available regarding these two women should be carefully examined in order to determine if they are acquainted with Judith Coplon or with a woman associate of Judith Coplon, who, you will realize, might be Zora.

A memorandum is being directed to you in the Sovme Case submitting to you the complete text of the available material regarding these women. All leads in this case must be expeditiously handled and the Bureau promptly advised of all developments.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Office
Room 1706,
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 65-5128

FD-115
(4-10-45)



January 5, 1949

Mr. W. Gordon Bell, Acting
Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be placed on all mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the following for ~~as long as the investigation continues~~ an indefinite period:

Miss Judith Coplon,
3685 38th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

☒ return cards

☐ tracings

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Del.
GUY HOTTEL,

Special Agent in Charge

TAM:MAH

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

January 5, 1949

KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

77-18466

On January 5, 1949, Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau telephonically authorized the writer to place a technical surveillance on the residence of the captioned individual. He stated that formal Bureau approval would be forwarded immediately.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: January 5, 1949

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

77-14466

As your office was telephonically advised on January 4, 1949, by Inspector H. B. Fletcher, provided full security is assured authority is given to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Judith Coplon, 2634 Tunlaw Road, NW, Washington, D. C., telephone Woodley 5217.

You are requested to advise the Bureau of the date and time of this installation as well as the symbol number and plant location.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 1/7/49

FROM : T.J.Jenkins SA

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon
Esp. R

OF PHILA. Upon instructions of SA K.T. Delavigne at 9:40 PM this date I called SA Ousley and advised him that the Subject and a man believed to be Harold P. Shapiro of Main Street New Hartford Conn. Were at this time eating dinner in Wash. and ~~and~~ they were planning to go to Phila. on a personal escapade, that Wash. agents would maintain a loose and discreet tail into Phila. and would notify the field office when ~~the~~ located. I advised Ousley that the tail was to be most discreet and under no circumstance made and if the agents thought they were being made to drop the tail. Ousley asked to be advised if they were not coming to Phila. I also told him if the agents got a chance before reaching Phila. they would call the field office. I advised him that subject would be riding in 1946 Black Plymouth 4 dr. sedan Conn. License BP 280.

I also advised Mr. Milnes of the Bureau on the same date of these developments.

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F. B. I.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

[Signature]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REURTEL TODAY. NINETEEN FORTYNINE CONNECTICUT
AUTOMOBILE LICENSE NO. B P DASH TWO EIGHT NAUGHT ISSUED TO HAROLD P.
SHAPIRO OF MAIN STREET, NEW HARTFORD, CONN. FOR BLACK FOUR DOOR
NINETEEN FORTYSIX PLYMOUTH. YOUR OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED DAPLI DASH
ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION, INVESTIGATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.
COPY OF REPORT OF SA L. L. MEUNIER DATED THREE TWO FORTYEIGHT AT NEW
HAVEN RELATING TO SAME DAPLI INVESTIGATION BEING FORWARDED THIS DATE.

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5-07PM OK FBI WASH DC SKR

*Belavine
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4:00 P.M. 1/7/48
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
Mendenhall

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:


DIRECTOR, FBI

1-7-49

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT ON JANUARY 6, 1949, DETERMINED SUBJECT DEPARTED FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUILDING AT 5:25 P.M. IN COMPANY OF A MR. SHAPIRO WHO EMERGED FROM THE GARAGE OF THIS BUILDING DRIVING A NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH SEDAN BEARING CONNECTICUT LICENSE NUMBER BP TWO EIGHT NAUGHT. THEY PROCEEDED TO THE VICINITY OF ELEVENTH AND M STREETS, N.W. WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR TEN MINUTES, THEN RETURNED TO THE CAR AND PROCEEDED IN THE DIRECTION OF McLEAN GARDENS WHERE THE SUBJECT RESIDES. THE SURVEILLANCE WAS LOST PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED THAT SUBJECT WAS HOME PRIOR TO SEVEN P.M. THIS INFORMANT ALSO ADVISED COPLON IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA FOR THIS WEEKEND. SHAPIRO APPEARED TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT. TELETYPE SENT ^{HAVEN} ~~NEWARK~~ TO CHECK LICENSE NUMBER ABOVE AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO CHECK COPLON'S ACTIVITIES IN PHILADELPHIA.

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SENT VIA _____ M

Per

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 7-1949
TELETYPE

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 1-7-49 256PM LS

SAC NEW HAVEN U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE-R. SUTEL IMMEDIATELY TO WHOM NINETEEN
FORTYNINE CONNECTICUT AUTOMOBILE LICENSE NUMBER BP TWO EIGHT NAUGHT
WAS ISSUED.

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#1014

20 July 1944

New York to Moscow

Your telegram number 3028.

SIMA is working for the Economic Section of the War Division of the Ministry (i. e. Department) of Justice. This office - LU - concerns itself with the economic and political competences (or spheres, lines) of the Ministry of Justice and _____

his/her (etc.) office because to her - LU - not _____

ZORA _____

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May

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Date 9/27/13

~~(TOP SECRET SOWIE)~~

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#1587

12 November 1944

New York to Moscow

extremely dissatisfied with the fact that she was promised a personal talk with our man and the talk - LU - (?did not take place?).

4. ZORA asks for further instructions on her and SIMA's conduct with regard to the work and personal connections (or contact).

We consider that URAL - LU - with that kind of task (?is? ?does?)
not

899

May

11 November

~~(TOP SECRET SOURCE)~~

#1714

5 December 1944

New York to Moscow

TO VIKTOR

As a result of two -LU - conversations of ZORA - 7F - (?NAZ?)AR arrived at the conviction that ZORA regardless of her (?Capricious?)ness is extremely serious, well developed, and - LU - her (?) (?instincts?).

meeting with her personally. -LU- leadership - LU - it is important that through ZORA we are regularizing (or clearing, or giving official status to) and are counting on drawing into active work SIMA and MARION DAVIS (or DAVIES) (henceforth "LOU"(Russian LU)).

2. (?to?) orient ZORA on (?transition? ?going over to?) the BANK, ^(a) the Farmstead (HUTOR), the Hovel (IZBA)^(b), or other analogous institutions (

work and in half a year will probably cease its independent existence). The majority of the materials that ZORA was turning over to us earlier did not represent - LF - interests but because ZORA's grasp (or capacity) in - LU - is poor the possibilities - LU -.

3. The signing up or enlistment of the services (KONTRAKTATSIYA) of SIMA (?has matured?); after painstaking preparation (or training) through (?NAZ?)AR - LF - her - LF - to ZORA. ZORA enjoys SIMA's complete confidence - 3F - if only she is told where her - LU - is/are going ZORA will not be subjected to doubt (or suspicion) (SIMA surmises where).

4. (?to?) entrust to ZORA

(LOU on this) gradual preparation of (?LOU'S?) signing up.

5. - LF - (?contact?) of the office (KONTORA) with SIMA and LOU (bypassing ZORA) - 2F - outcome of this signing up. - LF -.

6. Inasmuch as ZORA's mother (- LU - A) and stepfather - 3A - (??compelled to give up the progressive movement??) - 3F - (?is/was?) (?negative?) on - LF - ZORA's work, - LF - BEK - LU - with them

knows about ZORA's work for us.

(a) Meaning State Department

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~~(TOP SECRET SOWLE)~~

We hope (?then?) for a quick -- 1F -- (?of?) ZORA's work from the designation (?) -- 2F -- materials. her contact with the Office (KANTORA).

942

May

5 December

~~(TOP SECRET SOWE)~~

#1845

31 December 1944

New York to Moscow

TO VIKTOR

ZORA advises:

1. SIMA has gotten work in the registration of foreign agents
branch of the War Division of the Department of Justice. Further
- 1U -

~~(TOP SECRET SOURCE)~~

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8 January 1945

New York to Moscow

To Viktor

- 3U - conversation with SERGEY (Sergins). SIMA produces the impression of a serious, politically well developed person and there is no doubt of her fundamental(ly) sincere -----

The transfer of SIMA to the new work took place at her initiative ----- concerning this - 1U - (?comparison?) of materials from all divisions. SIMA possibly will enter upon the work 15 February.

- 6F - that SIMA's new work may carry out (?) a work very important for us in the organization of (?transport?) -----

decide finally the question of leadership and contacts (?can?) - IF - after her move to Carthage when - 6F - her new work.

22

May

8 January

~~(TOP SECRET SOURCE)~~

#55

15 January 1945

New York to Moscow

(to Viktor) consists of several short messages (35 - 39). Number 37 (?) speaks of "the signing up of LOU through ZORA". Number 39 reads:

Your number 138. The telegram - 1F -.

- 2F - results (?) of SERGEY with SIMA - 1F - among - 2U -.

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May

12 January

~~(TOP SECRET SOURCE)~~

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January 4, 1949

Director, FBI

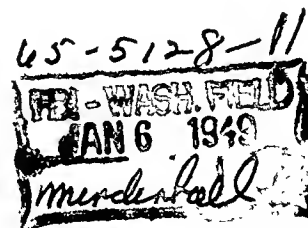
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Espionage - R

There is attached as a confidential enclosure, the messages relating to Sime, Zora and Marion Davis. This information should be coordinated with the case entitled "Judith Coplon, Espionage - R". The text of the messages should be paraphrased in any reports submitted in the Coplon Case.

cc-New York

Attachments:



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field Office

DATE: January 6, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

For the information of the Washington Field Office there is enclosed herewith the report of Special Agent Frederick G. Hamlin, dated May 3, 1946 at New York, New York in the case entitled "Judith Coplon, Departmental Applicant, Political Analyst."

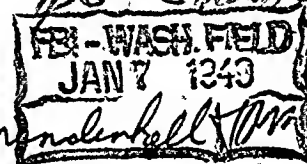
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cc: New York

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Date: *1/10/49*

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*Assigned to
Mendenhall**mhe*

Director, FBI

January 7, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R
Technical Surveillance

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This is to advise that at approximately 1:00 P. M. on January 6, 1949, a technical surveillance was installed on the residence of Miss JUDITH COPLON, Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens Development, 3685 - 38th Street, N. W., telephone WOodley 5219. The symbol number assigned this surveillance is [REDACTED] This surveillance is covered by the Consolidated Plant.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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NY FILE NO. 77-6377 DJS

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/3/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3,3/46	REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK G. HAMLIN
TITLE JUDITH COFLON			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT POLITICAL ANALYST

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JUDITH COFLON, Barnard College, listed as Washington contact of German American Anti-Nazi Student Committee, an affiliate of the German American Emergency Conference, a reported Communist front organization. References and neighborhood favorable. COFLON employed as expert, Economic Warfare Unit, Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, New York City, from 7/1/43 to 1/16/45 when promoted to analyst and transferred to Washington, D. C. Services satisfactory. Information developed COFLON Russian sympathizer. Credit and criminal record New York City, negative.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype 4/23/46.

DETAILS:

The following is a joint investigation conducted by the writer and Special Agent C. LEE STOKER, ROS.

On August 24, 1944, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he had observed among the files of the German American Anti-Nazi Students Committee a list of individuals entitled, "Contacts Established at Washington Conference". Among the individuals listed was **JUDITH COFLON**, whose address was given as Students' Hall, Barnard College, New York City. Confidential Informant T-1 was unable to describe the purpose of the Washington Conference other than that he believed that the CAANSC had sent a number of delegates to the conference of the International Students Service of the International Student Assembly held at Washington, D. C. in 1942.

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<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau</p> <p>2 - New York</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">178-14</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">JAN 5 1949</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p><i>Revised Hall</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">PROPERTY OF FBI</p> <p>This confidential report and its contents are loaned to you by the FBI and are not to be distributed outside of agency to which loaned.</p>

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Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that the GAANSC was organized in New York City on or about June 4, 1942. Its purpose was listed by the organization as being to win the war against Fascism, to fight Fascism, to extend the four freedoms and to expose and fight discrimination against students and teachers of enemy nationalities. It should be pointed out that Confidential Informant T-1 was exhibited a list of the membership of this organization among which the name of JUDITH COPLON was not found.

Confidential Informants T-1, T-2 and ROBERT M., whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that this organization was organized by the German American Emergency Conference, a reported Communist front organization.

Miss JEAN WALICKI of the Anti-Trust Division, United States Department of Justice, New York City, advised that Miss COPLON had been employed as an expert by the Economic Warfare Unit of the Anti-Trust Division at New York City from July 1, 1943 to January 16, 1945. Miss WALICKI stated that Miss COPLON's services had been satisfactory and that she appeared to be an intelligent young woman. She stated, however, that Miss COPLON was inclined to have left wing views and sympathies but was unable to be more specific in this regard.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that he had known Miss COPLON fairly intimately from about 1943 to 1945. He stated that he had observed her activities quite closely and was in a position to know her views. He advised that Miss COPLON was definitely a Russian sympathizer and that he had observed from the time he first knew her that her convictions, particularly along economic and political lines followed the Russian line. Miss COPLON, according to Confidential Informant T-3, was outspokenly a supporter of the second front during the past war and in other matters followed the Communist line. He stated that in her economic views Miss COPLON was far to the left; although so far as he knew, Miss COPLON was not a Communist and also to the best of his knowledge did not belong to any political organizations.

Professor JULIUS HELD, Barnard College, a reference, was reinterviewed and stated that he had nothing to add to that which he had already given in connection with the investigation of Miss COPLON. He stated that Miss COPLON, while not an outstanding student from an academic point of view, nevertheless was of that type of person who stood out conspicuously in a large class of young women. Dr. HELD advised that he had no reason for doubting the loyalty and devotion to this country of Miss COPLON. He stated that he felt he could recommend her for a position although he knew nothing of her ability along the lines of the work she was presently doing, he having taught her in a class on the history of fine arts. He added further that although Miss COPLON was not

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the best student he had in his class from a standpoint of grade received, she nevertheless stood out because of her intelligence and personality.

Inquiry at Columbia University revealed that GENA TENNEY, formerly connected with Barnard College, had left Barnard approximately three years ago and presently resides at 603 East White Street, Champaign, Illinois. In view of the fact that Mrs. TENNEY has been absent from New York City most of the time since she was previously interviewed, it was not deemed advisable to have her reinterviewed on this occasion.

HENRIETTA THEA, 1050 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, advised that there was no change in the information which she had furnished regarding Miss COPLON than that which she supplied on her first interview three years ago. She stated that she had known Miss COPLON since she was a child and that she had grown up with Miss THEA's nieces and nephews. Miss THEA is acquainted with the entire COPLON family and holds them in high regard. She indicated that Miss COPLON is a person of intelligence, is competent, capable and has a pleasing personality. She stated that she is honest, reliable and she would recommend her highly. She knew of no un-American activities on the part of Miss COPLON.

Mr. ALFRED FREEMAN, 84-15 Lefferts Avenue, Kew Gardens, New York, stated that he was not too well acquainted with Miss COPLON but had known her through his daughter, MARSHA FREEMAN, for a period of about six years. He stated that his knowledge of her came through contact with Miss COPLON when she visited the FREEMAN home while attending college with his daughter. He regards her as a person of good character and reputation and advised that she had a pleasant personality. From his knowledge, Mr. FREEMAN advised that he would not hesitate to recommend her.

Miss MARSHA FREEMAN, 84-15 Lefferts Avenue, Kew Gardens, New York, has known Miss COPLON for a period of six years and was a close friend of hers when they attended Barnard College. She stated that she has not seen her except on one or two occasions since she has moved to Washington, D. C. Miss FREEMAN advised that Miss COPLON was active at Barnard College in the newspaper and campus affairs. She was regarded as an excellent student. She recommended her highly as capable, competent and industrious and also regarded her as a loyal American.

Mr. A. BASILE, 2806 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the COPLON family had lived at the above address for some years prior to about two and one-half years ago. She stated that the family was well regarded in the neighborhood where they lived quietly. He stated that Miss COPLON's father, SAMUEL, is a retired business man and probably for this reason they moved to an apartment at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. He stated that he knew of no derogatory information concerning the family or Miss COPLON.

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GEORGE BRENNAN, superintendent, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, has known the COPLON family for the past two and one-half years since they have resided in an apartment at the above address and he regards them as a high type Jewish family. He advised that SAMUEL COPLAN is a semi retired business man and that his son, BERTMAN COPLAND, has just recently been discharged from the United States Army and is presently operating the SAMUEL M. COPLON & Son Company, 1133 Broadway, New York City, a toy manufacturing concern. He stated that JUDITH COPLON had been in Washington, D. C. for almost a year and one-half and she occasionally returned home for a visit but was seldom seen in the vicinity. He stated that she made a good appearance, was of excellent character and that he knew of nothing derogatory concerning any member of the family. Mr. BRENNAN regards the COPLON family as loyal to the American form of government.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the records of the New York City Police Department were checked with negative results regarding the applicant and her family.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: January 7, 1949

At 3:30 P. M., on January 7, 1949, the writer telephonically furnished SAC BOARDMAN of the Philadelphia Office the background of the captioned case and the Sovme Case together with a physical description of COPLON. I advised him that through the tech, we have received advice that COPLON plans to go to Philadelphia for the weekend and informed him that we had no further details as to when she intends to leave for Philadelphia or the persons she intends contacting there. I advised him that the Bureau considers this case of paramount importance and has cautioned the WFO to conduct the investigation with utmost discretion. I informed him that the Bureau had instructed that the purpose of the investigation was to determine whether COPLON is now engaged as an agent of the M.G.B. and to determine her activities and contacts.

I advised him that the information so far indicates that as of December 1944, the Soviets had considerable information concerning COPLON and advised him that she holds a position of importance in the Department of Justice.

I advised him that if COPLON goes to Philadelphia, she will be surveilled enroute by Agents MENDENHALL and BUCHHOLZ, and furnished him a physical description of these two Agents. I advised him that the Philadelphia Office would be telephonically advised as soon as it is determined that COPLON is going to Philadelphia.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 10, 1949

On January 8, 1949, at 8:30 A. M., in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau, I telephonically advised Special Agent SERENE, on duty in the Baltimore Division, that the surveillance being maintained on the subject and H. P. SHAPIRO at the Southern Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, should be discontinued.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC.....U R G E N T

JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R.

REQUEST BALTIMORE ASCERTAIN CHECK OUT TIME OF SUBJECT AND H.P. SHAPIRO FROM THE SOUTHERN HOTEL. INTERVIEW ROOM CLERK C.M. CONNOR WHO REGISTERED THEM TO ASCERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS REGISTRATION. OBTAIN PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF REGISTRATION CARD, AND ASCERTAIN ALL PHONE CALLS MADE. IN EVENT HOTEL RECORDS REFLECT SUBJECT AND ESCORT CHECKED OUT OF SOUTHERN HOTEL, SATURDAY, JANUARY EIGHT, LAST, BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO SET OUT LEAD FOR PHILADELPHIA TO DETERMINE IF SAME REGISTRATION WAS MADE AT BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL THERE. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED THAT SUBJECT STAYED AT BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL IN PHILADELPHIA OVER WEEKEND.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 10, 1949

This is to advise that on Friday, January 7, 1949, the subject in company with HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, an attorney in the Department of Justice, were surveilled to Baltimore, Maryland, on the evening of January 7, 1949, by Special Agents CARL W. BUCHHOLZ, COURTLAND J. JONES, THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, and the writer.

SHAPIRO and COPLON, upon their arrival in Baltimore, parked in the vicinity of the Southern Hotel and immediately entered the Rainbow Room of this hotel. At approximately 11:45 P. M., Mr. HARRY J. KIRBY, acting manager of the Southern Hotel, made available to SA JONES and the writer, a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. H. P. SHAPIRO, 122 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, Connecticut. They were assigned room #412, which carried the rate of \$8.50 per day. They were registered by Clerk C. H. CONNORS, Room Clerk Account #3442, Registration Card #G-41640, dated January 7, 1949.

SHAPIRO's car, which was a 1946 Black Plymouth bearing Connecticut License BP-280, was driven to the Downtown Garage by an attendant. His parking tag was number 11167.

Immediately upon ascertaining the above facts, the agents went to the Baltimore Division whereupon the writer telephonically advised Supervisor K. T. DELAVIGNE of the developments. The Philadelphia Division was then advised that the subject was apparently remaining in Baltimore that night and would not be going on to Philadelphia.

Special Agent DONALD V. WIER, who was the agent on duty in the Baltimore Division, was first referred to previous correspondence in the office concerning the "SOVME" case. In addition, this case was further explained to him, together with the facts in the COPLON case, including Bureau instructions on surveillances, emphasizing that the surveillance should be conducted in a most discreet manner and the agents should not be made. Also, if any doubt existed in the minds of the agents as to whether or not the subject appeared suspicious of being surveilled, then it should be dropped immediately.

The writer then talked with ASAC ROBERT LALLEY and repeated the facts and instructions to him. Mr. LALLEY stated that he would make immediate arrangements to have the subject surveilled in a discreet manner. Pictures of the subject and detailed descriptions were given to the Baltimore Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: 1/7/49

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE (R)

Re Washington Field teletype to New Haven 1/7/49 and New Haven teletype to Washington Field the same date.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of the report of SA Lionel L. Meunier dated at New Haven 3/2/48 in the case entitled: HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, aka Harold Ewing Shapiro, DAPLI, Attorney, Criminal Division.

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Director, FBI

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet December 31, 1948.

The only information appearing in the files of this office, pertaining to the above individual, is in connection with two investigations conducted of her. One was conducted upon her application for position of Expert, War Division of the Department of Justice in 1943, the results being set out in the report of SA EDWARD R. HAYS dated July 31, 1943 at New York. The second investigation was made upon the subject's transfer to the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department in Washington, D. C. January 16, 1945. The results were set out in the report of SA FREDERICK G. HAMLIN, dated May 3, 1946 at New York.

No action is being taken by this office at the present time, in connection with the above matter.

cc: Washington Field Office

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-2-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/27, 28/48	REPORT MADE BY LIONEL L. MEUNIER
TITLE HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, aka <u>Harold Ewing Shapiro</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SHAPIRO born 7/26/12, Hartford, Ct. of Polish Jewish parents who were naturalized. Attended Yale University, 1930 to 1934, receiving BA degree and Yale Law School 1934 to 1937, receiving LLB degree. Above average scholar. Admitted to Conn. Bar 7/13/37 and general practitioner at New Hartford, Ct. 1937 to 1942, when inducted into US Army. Has held Town Counsel and Town Prosecutor positions at New Hartford. Highly recommended by all persons interviewed as to conscientiousness, ability, devotion to duty and described as thoroughly loyal American citizen. Parents and sister enjoy excellent reputations. No criminal record New Hartford and credit excellent.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Teletype from Bureau to New Haven dated February 25, 1948.

DETAILS:

The name of HAROLD EWING SHAPIRO is being set out in the title to reflect the name under which SHAPIRO's birth is recorded in the Vital Statistics Bureau at Hartford, Conn.

AT NEW HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

For information purposes, the Town of New Hartford is located in Litchfield County, approximately twenty miles west of the State Capitol, Hartford and its population is about 1800. The following persons who have known HAROLD SHAPIRO practically all of his life, and who are all residents of New Hartford, were interviewed:

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Miss HARRIET SMITH (typist for Messrs. Hugh M. Alcorn, Sr. and Jr., 750 Main Street, Hartford)—her father was formerly Town Clerk of New Hartford and was also president of the New Hartford Trust Company;

Miss SUSAN WABREK (secretary to Lincoln R. Young Associates, 750 Main Street) —was a former employee of the New Hartford Trust Company and was a high school classmate of HAROLD SHAPIRO;

CARLOS HOLCOMB, vice president, First National Bank of Hartford, in charge of the Trust Department—this man's father was state's attorney for Litchfield County for seventeen years and he, himself, is presently chairman of the Town Republican Committee in New Hartford;

CHARLES H. PFLUEGER, Town Clerk, New Hartford;

Miss BEATRICE K. GRONDIN, Registrar of Voters, New Hartford;

GILBERT M. CHAPMAN (reference) president of the New Hartford Trust Company;

JAMES PARROTT, resident Connecticut State Police officer at New Hartford and lifelong resident of this town;

Dr. H.W. MARKWALD, personal physician to HAROLD SHAPIRO and his family.

The investigation at New Hartford disclosed that SHAPIRO was not born in that town but was actually born in Hartford, Connecticut at the Hartford Hospital on July 26, 1912.

All of the above persons interviewed stated that SHAPIRO's father first came to New Hartford in the early 1900s, selling dry goods from door to door. He later settled in New Hartford and established a dry goods store and later a grocery store and by hard work and fair dealings with the people in New Hartford succeeded in building up a successful business until, at the present time, Mr. SHAPIRO, Sr. is financially independent. HAROLD SHAPIRO is one of two children and his sister ELIZABETH also enjoys a splendid reputation. She is a highly respected teacher at the Vine Street School in Hartford, Conn.

Persons interviewed stated HAROLD SHAPIRO has always resided in New Hartford and attended the Gilbert High School, Winsted, Connecticut, where he graduated seventh in a class of eighty-one in June, 1930. After receiving his AB degree at Yale in 1934 and his LLB degree in 1937, he was admitted to the Connecticut State Bar on July 13, 1937. He practiced in his own office in New Hartford from 1937 to September, 1942 when he was inducted into the U.S. armed forces.

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During his legal career in New Hartford, SHAPIRO held the positions of Town Counsel and the position of Town Prosecutor and earned a good reputation as an honest lawyer. He was also very active in civic affairs and all persons interviewed recalled that he was a member of the New Hartford Trust Co. Board of Directors just before going into the Army. Further, that he was active in assisting various charitable organizations such as the Anna Hadley Hakes Clinic, the Winsted Visiting Nurses Association, the New Hartford County Club, the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and also the Connecticut Crippled Childrens Society. In addition to the above, SHAPIRO was also on the advisory board for registrants in the Selective Service system. After his discharge from the U.S. Army in October, 1943 SHAPIRO obtained work with the OPA in Washington, DC and stayed on there until June, 1947. He thereafter took a long rest at home in New Hartford and then drove to California where he spent about ten weeks vacationing. He subsequently drove back to New Hartford where he has been more or less vacationing the past several months.

SHAPIRO, according to persons interviewed, has recently been trying to find some good position in New York City but the best salary offered him so far there was \$3500 per annum which he refused. SHAPIRO has also been assisting a relative, Attorney LOUIS SHAPIRO, in Unionville, Connecticut, and has also been filling out income tax forms for local residents and neighbors.

All persons interviewed state there is absolutely no question as to the patriotism and loyalty of HAROLD SHAPIRO or any member of his family.

Miss HARRIET SMITH, in addition to stating as above, informed that she recalled that one summer when JOHN HAMILTON was chairman of the National Republican Committee HAROLD SHAPIRO worked for Mr. HAMILTON in Chicago, Ill. for a few months assisting Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. H. ROGER JONES, State's Attorney for Litchfield County and former president of the Litchfield Bar Association, informed that HAROLD SHAPIRO is of "exemplary character, thoroughly honest, assiduous to his duties, has a good legal mind and gives his best attention to anything he undertakes. He is thoroughly patriotic and stands high in his profession". Mr. JONES stated that he had frequent opportunity to come into close contact with SHAPIRO inasmuch as JONES was Town Judge at the time that SHAPIRO was Town Prosecutor in New Hartford.

The records of the Town Clerk's office reflect that HAROLD P. SHAPIRO, ASN 31170823 was on active duty with the U.S. armed forces from September 12, 1942 to October 6, 1943, when he was honorably discharged as a private in the 862nd Signal Services Co., Avn. While in the Army he graduated from a cryptographic school and his Army specialty was code and cipher clerk-rating excellent.

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He received a grade of 94. His physical condition at the time of discharge was poor.

A thorough check of the town records failed to verify the birth date of SHAPIRO in New Hartford. It was observed, however, that both of his parents are property owners and have been voters for years in New Hartford.

Dr. H.W. MARKWALD, personal physician for SHAPIRO, stated he has examined SHAPIRO at least four different times and has found him to be all right physically except for a very bad asthmatic condition (which condition was responsible for his discharge from the Army), in addition to which he must wear glasses at all times. In this connection, however, it is noted that his eyesight has been corrected to 20/20 with glasses.

AT WINSTED, CONNECTICUT

Miss MABEL WHITE, Gilbert High School, informed that HAROLD SHAPIRO entered this institution in September, 1926 taking the college course. He graduated in June, 1930 as an honor student, ranking seventh in a class of eighty-one students.

Mrs. MARY CURTISS, Assistant Clerk, Litchfield County Superior Court, informed that HAROLD SHAPIRO is very conscientious, clean-cut, able and honest and no complaints have ever been received by the Bar concerning him. Mrs. CURTISS also informed that the records in her office reflect that LOUIS MORRIS, father of HAROLD SHAPIRO, was naturalized in Winsted on September 19, 1928, Naturalization Certificate #2381007. The mother, Mrs. MIRE PODOROWSKY SHAPIRO, was also naturalized on the same date, Certificate No. 2762140. The father entered the U.S. at New York City on December 4, 1902 and the mother arrived at Ellis Island on July 28, 1906. The father was born in Kartuz Bereza, Poland and the mother was born May 26, 1890 at Grodno, Poland.

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Mr. EDWIN T. TRACY, State Bureau of Vital Statistics, informed that his records showed that one HAROLD EWING SHAPIRO was born at 20 South Hudson Street (the address of the Hartford Hospital) in Hartford July 26, 1912. The father was LOUIS and the mother MARY SHAPIRO of New Hartford, Connecticut.

A check at the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau reflects that SHAPIRO and his family enjoy splendid credit records.

The files of the Connecticut State Police were checked with negative results for a record on HAROLD SHAPIRO.

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Mr. ROBERT ALLEN, Deputy Clerk of the Court for Hartford County, informed that HAROLD SHAPIRO was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Connecticut July 13, 1937 and has always been in good standing.

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES T. HAVERTY.

Mr. H.B. FISHER, Liaison Officer at Yale University, advised that the records of that institution reflected that HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO was born in Hartford, Connecticut on July 26, 1912. His father LOUIS M. SHAPIRO was born in Russia as was his mother, MARY PODOROWSKY.

SHAPIRO entered Yale University in 1930 and received his BA degree with honors at the Yale Commencement of 1934. He was a ranking student throughout his undergraduate course at Yale, and was a member of the University Round Table. He entered Yale University Law School in 1934 and received his LLB degree at the Yale Commencement 1937, having completed his work in January, 1937 in the law school. His scholastic average for the three years was 76.2 which was above average. He was asked to compete for a position with the Yale Law Journal but was eliminated.

The records at both Yale College and Yale University Law School reflected that no disciplinary action was taken against SHAPIRO while a student and there was nothing to indicate that he was disloyal to the United States.

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TELETYPE

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CONF THREE STATIONS

WASHINGTON 15 AND PHILADELPHIA 1 Q FROM BALTO. 12 8-30 PM

DIRECTOR AND SACS PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ~~SEK~~ ESP., R. REWFOTEL, JANUARY TEN LAST. INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED BY WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE AGENTS AND BALTIMORE OFFICE AT ~~SOUTH~~
SOUTHERN HOTEL REVEALED SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED
AS H. P. SHAPIRO REGISTERED AT THE SOUTHERN HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
AT ELEVEN SIXTEEN PM, JANUARY SEVEN LAST AS MR. AND MRS. H. P. SHAPIRO,
ONE TWENTY TWO BURNSIDE AVENUE, EAST HARTFORD, CONN. AND CHECKED OUT AT
THREE ~~NAUGHT~~ NAUGHT ONE PM, JANUARY EIGHT. A ~~SURVIX~~ SURVEILLANCE
CONDUCTED FROM APPROXIMATELY TWO AM JANUARY EIGHT UNTIL NINE AM,
JANUARY EIGHT, REVEALED NO ACTIVITY AND IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NO PHONE
CALLS WERE MADE BY EITHER THE SUBJECT OR MR. SHAPIRO. REFERENCED TELETYPE
REQUESTED THAT BALTIMORE SET OUT A LEAD FOR PHILADELPHIA TO DETERMINE
IF SAME REGISTRATION WAS MADE AT BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL IN PHILA.
INASMUCH AS INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT STAYED AT THE
BELLEVUE STRATFORD HOTEL OVER THE WEEKEND. PHILA. WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE
CHECK AT THE HOTEL IN AN EXTREMELY DISCREET MANNER. WFO ORIGIN: RUC.

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1 REFERENCE TO ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BALTIMORE FIELD OFFICE

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE-R. RE BALTIMORE TEL JANUARY TWELVE. MR.
JOSEPH KELLEHER, ASSISTANT MANAGER BELLEVUE STRATFORD, PRODUCED RECORDS
REFLECTING MR. AND MRS. H. P. SHAPIRO OF EAST HARTFORD, CONN., REGISTERED
AT BELLEVUE STRATFORD AT SEVEN SEVENTEEN PM JANUARY EIGHT, FORTYNINE
AND CHECKED OUT FOUR NINE, JANUARY NINE, FORTYNINE. WERE IN ROOM
FIFTEEN TWENTYTHREE. NO TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY OCCUPANTS FROM
THAT ROOM. ONLY CHARGES ON BILL WERE FOR ROOM AND RESTAURANT CHARGES.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mendenhall

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DATE 1-14-49

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REMARKS OR DESCRIPTION Return to SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL,
Room 1513, Washington Field File 65-5128.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC

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SAC, NEW YORK

January 14, 1949

AP. GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

There is being transmitted herein as an enclosure, a snap-shot of subject, JUDITH COPLON, for your use in connection with a surveillance which the Washington Field Office expects to request of the New York Field Division on January 14, 1949.

ENCLOSURE

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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JAN 14 1943

TELETYPE

NEW YORK 27 FROM WASH FIELD

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4-20 P

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URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R. SUBJECT DEPARTED WASHINGTON, DC, ONE P.M. THIS DATE, PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TRAIN ONE SEVEN SIX, CAR THREE NINE ONE ONE, ^{D cars} ^{se} ~~QUR~~ NYC, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM. SUBJECT HAS INDICATED SHE MAY MEET SOMEONE IN NY BEFORE GOING TO RESIDENCE OF HER PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL M. COPLON, ONE SEVEN EIGHT OCEAN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NY, TELEPHONE GADNEY EIGHT DASH ONE NAUGHT FOUR EIGHT. DESCRIPTION AGE TWENTYSEVEN, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE ^{J cars} ^{corrected} POUNDS, HEIGHT FIVE FEET, ONE INCH, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, F ~~XXX~~ DARK BROWN HAIR WEARING BLACK COAT, GREY KNIT SNUG FITTING CONE SHAPED HAT, BLACK DRESS. SUBJECT UNED ~~XXX~~ UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY SAS H. DUDLEY PAYNE AND THOMAS A. MENDENHALL THIS OFFICE.

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HOLD PLS

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Valentine Alekovich

Mubichev 100-16589-542
PL3

Sodre 100-16597-789-P4

100-16589-549, PL2

Valentina Goubicheva

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WASH AND WASH FIELD

FROM NEW YORK

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9-13 P

DIRECTOR AND SAC

URGENT

JUDITH COPLON - SOVME-, ESPIONAGE - R. COPLON ARRIVED NYC FOUR FIFTY PM, LAST NIGHT. WENT IMMEDIATELY TO LADIES ROOM, PENNSTATION, WHERE SHE REMAINED OVER ONE HALF HOUR. LEFT WITHOUT HER OVERNIGHT BAG. SPENT ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR IN PENN STATION THEN CAUGHT SUBWAY TO ONE NINETY FIRST STREET. NOTE THAT THIS IS IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM HER PARENTS HOME IN BROOKLYN. LEFT SUBWAY STATION AND BEGAN WALKING AROUND ISOLATED, DARK NEIGHBORHOOD, ALTHOUGH IT WAS APPARENT THAT SHE WAS NOT LOST. AFTER ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR SHE ARRIVED AT CORNER OF ONE NINETY THIRD STREET AND BROADWAY WHERE SHE WAITED ON DARK CORNER ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. AT SEVEN TWELVE PM. AN UNKNOWN MAN MET HER AND THE TWO WALKED SLOWLY NORTH ON BROADWAY TO DYKMAN STREET. THEY THEN WALKED ALONG DYKMAN STREET TO THE DELUXE RESTURANT, A SMALL ITALIAN RESTURANT AT ONE FOUR THREE DYKMAN STREET, WHICH THEY ENTERED. THEY REMAINED THERE TALKING BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF ANYTHING WAS PASSED BETWEEN THEM. COPLON WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE CARRIED ONLY A NEWSPAPER WHICH SHE PURCHASED IN PENN STATION AND A LARGE PURSE, DURING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY. AT EIGHT FIFTEEN PM., THE TWO LEFT THE RESTURANT, WENT TO THE EIGHTH AVE SUBWAY AND CAUGHT A DOWNTOWN TRAIN. AT THE ONE TWENTY FIFTH STREET STATION THE UNKNOWN MAN LEFT THE TRAIN JUST AS THE DOORS WERE CLOSING AND IMMEDIATELY BOARDED A WAITING LOCAL TRAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLATFORM. HE LEFT THAT TRAIN AT THE NEXT STATION, WHICH IS ONE SIXTEENTH ST., AND IS IN HARLEM. HE LEFT THE STATION AND HAILED A TAXI WHICH DROVE HIM TO THE ONE SIXTEENTH STREET STATION OF THE SEVENTH AVENUE SUBWAY WHICH PARALLELS THE SUBWAY HE HAD JUST LEFT ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS WEST. HE LEFT THE TAXI AND ENTERED THE STATION. WHEN AGENTS ARRIVED AT DOWNTOWN PLATFORM, THE TRAIN WAS JUST PULLING OUT AND NO ONE WAS

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OBSERVED ON THE PLATFORM. HE WAS NOT AMONG THE PEOPLE WAITING ON THE OPPOSITE PLATFORM FOR THE NEXT UPTOWN TRAIN. SURVEILLANCE OF COPLIN WAS DISCONTINUED AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH STREET WHEN MAN LEFT TRAIN. ON INSTANT DATE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES WERE INSTITUTED ON AMTORG, TWO ONE NAUGHT MADISON AVE. AND USSR DELEGATION TO UN HEAD-QUARTERS, SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVENUE. AT TEN SEVEN AM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED UNKNOWN MAN WAS OBSERVED ENTERING SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE., MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD ENTERED SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE BETWEEN NINE AM AND NINE TWENTY AM. AT ELEVEN THIRTY FIVE AM THIS SAME MAN LEFT SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVE AND PROCEEDED TO BROADWAY AND NINETY SIXTH STREET BY BUS. AT THAT POINT HE WALKED UP BROADWAY, PURCHASED SOME GROCERIES AND PICKED UP SOME SHOES AT A SHOE REPAIR SHOP WHICH HE PRESUMABLY HAD LEFT THERE PREVIOUSLY. FROM THERE HE WENT TO SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET WHICH IS A SIX STORY APARTMENT HOUSE IN A BELOW AVERAGE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE AGENTS WHO HAD OBSERVED THE MAN ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS BEING THE SAME. A REVIEW OF PR-ONE PHOTOGRAPHS OF UN PERSONNEL IDENTIFIES THE UNKNOWN MAN AS VALENTINE ALEXSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, WAS, VALENTIN A. BUBICHEV, VALENTIN GOUBICHEV. THE JUNE FIRST FORTYEIGHT UN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS VALENTINE GUBITCHEV AS CONNECTED WITH PLANNING OFFICE OF THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, ROOM SIX NAUGHT SEVEN EXTENSION ONE SIX SEVEN OF THE MANHATTAN OFFICE OF THE UN. GUBITCHEV ARRIVED IN THE US AT NYC JULY TWENTY, FORTY SIX ABOARD SS. WASHINGTON. BORN JUNE TWENTYFOUR, SIXTEEN, IN IKOLOSKOYE ORLOV PROVINCE, USSR. AT THAT TIME HE WAS DESCRIBED AS THIRD SECT. OF SECRETARIAT, USSR, UN. HIS WIFE LIDIYA NAZAROVNA GUBITCHEVA, WAS, LYDIA, LIDYLA GOUBICHEVA, CHILD VIOLETTA ARRIVED SAME DAY. LIDIYA BORN NINETEEN FIFTEEN, LENINGRAD. MANIFEST OF SS. POBEDA WHICH LEFT NEW YORK JULY THIRTY FIRST LAST, REFLECTED THAT LIDIYA NAZAROVNA GUBITCHEVA WAS A PASSENGER. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTNYT- FOUR SIX EIGHT FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. ON NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN FORTYEIGHT DR., ROBERT SOBLE THE SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOCASE, CONTACTED A WOMAN AT A DOCTOR DOWENSTEIN-S. ROBERT SOBLE THE

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THE WOMAN STATED THAT SHE WANTED TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT OF RITA GUBICHEVA (PH) FROM WEDNESDAY AT THREE PM TO ONE PM. THE WOMAN STATED THAT HER NEW OFFICE WAS AT ONE ONE FOUR EAST SEVENTY EIGHTH STREET, NYC. RITA-S PHONE NUMBER WAS GIVEN AS ACADEMY TWO-FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE WHICH IS LISTED TO S.S. CHERNIAKOV, SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT ST., NYC. ON DECEMBER THREE FORTYEIGHT, A MISS GUBICHEVA (PH) CONTACTED DOCTOR SOBLE RELATIVE TO HER APPOINTMENT WITH SOME PHYSICIAN. SHE SAID THAT SHE FELT BETTER AFTER THE MEDICINE PRESCRIBED BY SOBLE. ON NOV., EIGHTEENTH FORTYEIGHT, DR. SOBLE CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN WHOSE TELEPHONE WAS TEMPLETON EIGHT- SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE NAUGHT. SOBLE STATED THAT HE WANTED A BLOOD AND URINE ANALYSIS ON A RUSSIAN UN PATIENT NAMED GUBICHEV (PH). IT WAS INDICATED THAT A MAN WOULD COME OVER IMMEDIATELY. THIS TELEPHONE LISTED TO SANFORD GOODFRIEND, A MEDICAL DOCTOR AT ONE NAUGHT NINE EAST SIXTY FIRST STREET, NYC. ON DECEMBER TWENTY, FORTYEIGHT, DR. SOBLE ADVISED RITA GUBICHEVA (PH) IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE, THAT SHE WAS TO SEE THE DOCTOR ON WEDNESDAY AT ONE PM INSTEAD OF THREE PM. THE CURRENT MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS VALENTINE GUBITCHEV AS RESIDING AT ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET, TELEPHONE RIVERSIDE NINE- SIX SIX NINE FIVE. THE S.S. CHERNIAKOV MENTIONED ABOVE IS UNDOUBTEDLEY SEMEN SEMENOVICH CHERNIAKOV, A DOCTOR EMPLOYED BY AMTORG TRADING CORP. RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE INDICATE THAT CHERNIKOV-S HOME ADDRESS WAS SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET, NYC TELEPHONE ACADEMY TWO- FIVE EIGHT TWO THREE, WHICH IS THE SAME ADDRESS TO WHICH GUBICHEV WAS SURVEILLED INSTANT DATE. MANIFEST OF SS. POBEDA DEPARTING NYC JULY THIRTY FIRST, FORTYEIGHT LISTED S.S. CHERNIAKOV AS A PASSENGER. NOTE THIS IS SAME TRIP OF POBEDA ON WHICH GUBITCHEV-S WIFE ALLEGEDLY WAS A PASSENGER. THE MAILBOX AT THE APARTMENT HOUSE LOCATED AT ONE FIVE EIGHT WEST ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET CARRIES THE NAME A. GUBICHEV AS RESIDING IN AN APARTMENT WITH J. ROSENWASSER. GUBITCHEV-S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE MAILBOXES AT THE ADDRESS SIX FOUR WEST ONE NAUGHT EIGHT STREET. HOWEVER, ONLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE OCCUPANTS ARE SHOWN. FROM COPLON-S ACTIVITIES LAST NIGHT IT APPEARS THAT ANY ESPIONAGE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS THE CONTACT POSSESSED EVERY CHARACTERISTIC OF A CONSPIRATORIAL MEETING. IN THE INTEREST OF DISCRETION THE NYO

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WILL NOT SURVEILL COPLON DURING THE REMAINDER OF HER STAY IN NYC. RELATIVE TO GUBITCHEV, THE SURVEILLANCE WAS DISCONTINUED THE AFTER-NOON AS A SECURITY MEASURE. HE WILL BE SURVEILLED MONDAY, AM TO LEARN WHETHER HE WORKS AT THE MANHATTAN OFFICE OF THE UN OR AT SIX EIGHT NAUGHT PARK AVENUE. AT THE SAME TIME, OF COURSE, IT WILL BE DETERMINED WHETHER HE ACTUALLY RESIDES AT ONE NAUGHT EIGHT OR ONE NAUGHT SIX STREET. IT IS TO BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED SURVEILLANCES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN A MOST CIRCUMSPECT AND DISCREET MATTER AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT EITHER COPLON OR GUBITCHEV WERE AWARE OF THE SURVEILLANCES. HOWEVER, AS IS USUAL IN CONTACTS OF THIS TYPE BOTH TOOK ELABORATE PRECAUTIONS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE BEING SURVEILLED, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO INSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF GUBITCHEV. IN THE MEANWHILE SURVEYS WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES. UPON RECEIPT OF AUTHORITY ALL OTHER INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES WILL BE UTILIZED. PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES WILL BE CONDUCTED DISCREETLY ON A SPOT CHECK BASIS AT SUCH TIMES IT IS BELIEVED SUCH WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO RECONSIDER PROPRIETY OF LOYALTY INVESTIGATION OF COPLON AT PRESENT IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS AS ABOVE, THAT IS, SHE IS POSSIBLY OPERATING AS A SOVIET AGENT AND BEING HANDLED BY GUBITCHEV. WFO REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH REPORT REFLECTING INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY RE SUBJECT UP TO PRESENT TIME. NYO DOES NOT KNOW WHAT LIASON EXISTS BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND THE DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER. IT IS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF POSSIBLE, THE BUREAU MIGHT CONSIDER ASCERTAINING WHETHER COPLON HAS ANY MATERIAL CHARGED OUT TO HER WHICH IS NOT IN HER DESK OR FILE CABINET AT THE PRESENT TIME. BUREAU AND WFO TO IMMEDIATELY CHECK INDICES ON GUBITCHEV.

PRESENTLY

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RECEIVED 1-15-49
c. c. wfa.

10-45 PM EST

SCHEIDT
WASHINGTON, D. C.
TOM

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January 15, 1949

Memo, SAC

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESP. R

At 4.35 P.M. this date SA ROBERT R. GRANVILLE of the New York Office phoned and stated that the surveillance conducted by the New York Office concerning captioned subject had been discontinued last night due to a very significant contact the subject had made in New York City.

GRANVILLE stated that in view of the above contact the surveillance on subject would not be resumed unless information was available that subject was going to be in New York for some time or unless the WFO desired that it be resumed. GRANVILLE stated that a teletype was being sent to this office reflecting full details of the surveillance conducted in New York and requested that the WFO advise the New York Office by phone this date of any information in possession of this office regarding how long subject is going to remain in New York and if the surveillance should be resumed.

Upon receipt of the above mentioned teletype from New York Supervisor DELAVIGNE was contacted by the writer and advised that the only information in possession of this office regarding the subject's length of stay in New York was that the subject intended to remain in New York for the week end visiting her mother, Mr. DELAVIGNE advised that the New York Office should be advised that the Bureau desired that a spot surveillance was to be conducted in this matter to determine if the subject was active as an Agent of the NGB and that the surveillance was not to be 'made' Mr. DELAVIGNE stated that in view of the circumstances New York should use their own judgment as to resumption of the surveillance.

At 10.50 P.M. this date the writer phoned Night Supervisor J.M. KELLY of the New York Office and informed him the above information

SA EDWARD N. WILLS

FILE STRIPPED

Date: 1/15/49

Initials: *[Signature]*

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[Handwritten signatures and stamps]

January 16, 1949

Memo, SAC

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESP. R
65-5128

At 10:10 A.M. this date, Agent Supervisor L. WHITSON in the Bureau telephonically advised that all loyalty aspects of the investigation of the captioned individual should be immediately discontinued in favor of the Espionage case. He instructed that appropriate teletypes be sent to Auxilliary offices instructing that they discontinue all loyalty leads immediately. Accordingly, Agent T. MENDENHALL and the writer obtained and reviewed the appropriate files and sent the necessary teletypes ~~were sent~~ this date.

SA THOMAS M. CARROLL

cc WFO 121-9095,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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100-16589-549-p10

Judith Coplon
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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK 40 17 6-40P
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VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV WAS /SOVME/ ESP. - R. RENVTEL JAN.
FIFTEEN LAST IN CASE JUDITH COPLON DASH ESP. DASH R. MANIFEST SS
POBEDA, LEAVING NYC JULY THIRTYONE, FORTYEIGHT, REFLECTED THAT VIOLA
VALENTINOVNA GUBICHEVA, AGE TEN, CHILD OF UNITED NATIONS EMPLOYEE
WAS A PASSENGER ON THAT BOAT. SUBJECT-S WIFE WAS NOT LISTED AS A
PASSENGER. VIOLA POSSIBLY DAUGHTER OF SUBJECT.

JAN 17 8 09 PM '49

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 18, 1949

On January 18, 1949, Supervisor LAMPHERE of the Bureau advised the writer that Mr. LADD had instructed him to request this office to search the office, room #2220, of the subject in the Justice Building any time after midnight tonight but that the search should be conducted tonight. He stated that if the agents are interrupted during the search by the Building Guards and are queried as to their presence in the room, they should advise that they are conducting some work for Mr. PEYTON FORD of the Department.

During the search, it should be determined to the extent possible, the various types of work which COPLON handles and has on her desk. LAMPHERE explained that the Bureau has determined that in the office occupied by COPLON there are some old war files which may be ignored in connection with this search.

Mr. LAMPHERE stated that the Bureau has further ascertained that COPLON is leaving sometime tomorrow, January 19, 1949, for New York City and advised that a further check is being made in this regard by the Bureau tomorrow morning and the advice received through this additional check will be made available promptly to the Washington Field Office.

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Director, FBI

January 18, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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Renytel dated January 15, 1949, setting forth information indicating that the subject may be an active Russian espionage agent. Investigation of COPLON to date by this office has reflected that she has numerous contacts in Washington, D. C. as well as New York. Technical coverage on her Washington residence has revealed that she mentions in a general way her future plans in discussions with several of her acquaintances.

In this connection for example, it was ascertained she was planning to have lunch with one SEYMOUR NAGAN on Thursday, January 13, 1949, and that he would call her at her office for the exact time and place. Further, when she left Washington, D. C. for New York on January 14, 1949, she was driven to Union Station by H. P. SHAPIRO, an attorney in the Justice Department. This appointment may have been arranged over her office telephone.

It is requested that immediate and serious consideration be given to the establishment of a technical surveillance on COPLON's office telephone. If such approval is given, it is also felt that additional contacts will be obtained, and that this office will be in a better position to cover her activities in a discreet manner.

The Bureau is further requested to, if possible, arrange for proper reliable contact in the Department who would be in a position to advise a representative of the Washington Field Office as to the exact nature of COPLON's duties, the type of information and documents which come into her possession and which she would be in a position to furnish to unauthorized persons. It is believed that such an arrangement would be most helpful in establishing an espionage violation. Under the present conditions, it would be extremely difficult to obtain the necessary proof of a violation even though COPLON were seen passing information to a representative of the Soviet Government.

It is believed further that such a contact would prove beneficial in being kept informed on COPLON's working habits. In this connection, your attention is directed to the contact COPLON made in New York which would probably have been missed had not this office requested the Bureau to ascertain if she had applied for any leave on the date in question. Investigation to date has reflected that the subject does not regularly use any one exit from this building. It is not practical or advisable to maintain a physical surveillance on all exits.

Your early reply will be appreciated.

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Director, SAC

January 18, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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Renytel dated January 15, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to furnish the New York Division with information as to investigative activity of subject, JUDITH COPLON.

A highly confidential source of information has indicated that subject is acquainted with the following individuals in New York:

FLU MORSE, no address, telephone: Ma 2-4303
WOLIN, 295 Ocean Parkway
WEINSTOCK, 1862 E. 14th Street, NYC
ZWICK, 1205 Avenue R, telephone: De 9-4066
BUDDY ZWICK, 695 Empire Boulevard

Confidential Informant [] has indicated that the subject is acquainted with the following individuals in or from New York:

JOY GAIL RAYWID, Room 304 Gadsden Hall, 30 Plattsburg Court, McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C.
MARTY POMERANTZ, 1633 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York
SHIRLEY SAMOS (phonetic), Bronx, New York (no street address)
VIVIAN LOWE (?) (phonetic), (no address)
SID BAKING (phonetic), (no address)
SARAH and SYLVIA BRECKER, Apt. 210, 705 - 18th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.
NATALIE NEWMAN (phonetic), (no address - a dancer with MARTHA GRAHAM)
GLORIA FLYER (phonetic), (no other identifying information)
LORRAINE ELKINS (phonetic) (daughter of MORRIS ELKINS, E. 14th Street, NYC)
ESTAR ROSENBLOOM, (no address)
SYD BRODIE (phonetic), (no address)

Confidential Informant [] has further indicated that the subject, JUDITH COPLON, has on several occasions during the first part of January, 1949, been in contact with one SEYMOUR NAGAN, residing in Apt. 302, Empire Apartments, 2000 - F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
January 18, 1949

A surveillance of NAGAN conducted on January 13, 1949, by Special Agents of the Washington Field Office, revealed that NAGAN deposited a \$250.00 check in the Hamilton National Bank, 11th and G Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. This check #30490, bore the heading "The New Republic, 40 East 49th Street, New York City", and was drawn on the 5th Avenue Office of the Guaranty Trust Company, 5th Avenue and 49th Street, New York City.

It is requested that the New York Division check their indices and furnish the Washington Field Office with any available information concerning the above named individuals.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPDASH R. COPLON AND SHAPIRO BOTH LEFT TRAIN, NEW YORK CITY, JAN. NINETEEN, TRIED TO REGISTER HOTEL TAFT BUT UNSUCCESSFUL. SHAPIRO REGISTERED FOR SINGLE ROOM HOTEL PICADILLY, BUT COPLON ACCOMPANIED HIM TO ROOM AND LEFT HER OVERNIGHT BAG IN HIS ROOM. THEY WENT OUT TO EAT AND TO MOVIE. COPLON WAS NOT EVEN CARRYING A PURSE. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE CONTENTS BOTH HIS AND HER LUGGAGE. HIS CONTAINED NOTHING BUT CLOTHING. HER CASE CONTAINED IN ADDITION TO CLOTHING, A COPY OF A MAGAZINE, A BOOK, BANK BOOK, CHECKBOOK, ADDRESS BOOK, DIARY AND A BLACK HANDBAG. ALL INFO FROM ADDRESS BOOK AND DIARY OBTAINED. VERY SUSPICIOUS ENTRY IN DIARY FOR JAN. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE WHICH WAS DATE SHE MET GUBITCHEN. THIS ENTRY, WHICH WAS ONLY ONE FOR THAT DATE, READ QUOTE, "UP ITEM FOR SELECTIVE MIDDLEADING-NYC. OLIVES/BLACK/" END QUOTE. NAMES IN ADDRESS BOOK WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST NYO FILES AND FURNISHED BUREAU JAN. TWENTY. COPLON BEING KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP DASH R. RE NY TEL JAN. NINETEENTH BRIEFLY SETTING OUT COPLONS ACTIVITIES THAT DATE. AS STATED IN REF TEL, HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OF COPLON, WHICH CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST. A BLACK LEATHER PURSE WITH GOLD TRIM, CONTAINING ADDRESS BOOK, DIARY, A BANK BOOK OF JUDITH COPLON WITH THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, DC., ACCOUNT OPENED IN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. A CHECK BOOK SHOWED A BALANCE OF FOUR HUNDRED FOUR DOLLARS. THE DIARY OF COPLON CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES,--- JAN. FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. UP ITEM FOR SELECTIVE MISLEADING-NYC OLIVES/BLACK/. JAN. NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, TAFT-SIX THIRTY PM. JAN. TWENTY, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, HELEN SIEGEL-EVE. SHOPPING. JAN. TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, SEYMOUR-EVE. CALL MORT. CALL SHIRLEY SEIMS. JAN. TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. SID-EVE. SEYMOUR TWO OR THREE. JAN. TWENTY NINE, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. DR. BERNSTEIN ELEVEN FORTY FIVE. FEB. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, GET TICKET FOR SHOW. ALL NAMES MENTIONED

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ABOVE BELIEVED IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAMES FOUND IN ADDRESS BOOK. THE FOLLOWING NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE FOUND IN COPLONS ADDRESS BOOK. THE NAMES BEING LISTED HEREINAFTER WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE NYC TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR VERIFICATION OR TO GET MORE COMPLETE DATA AND THEN WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE FILES OF THE NYO WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ^{ANNE'S} ~~HANNAH AMNES~~, DO. NINE EIGHT TWO SEVEN. CLAUDE BEAULIEU, THREE SIX SEVEN NINE LAVAL, AVE, MONTREAL. MAURICE BORST, SEVEN THREE WARRINGTON, CRESCENT HAIDA VALE, LONDON W NINE. PAULINE AND MILTON, THREE NAUGHT FIVE WEST FIFTY SECOND ST, TWO D, CI SIX THREE THREE FOUR NAUGHT, NEW YORK TLEPHONE DIRECTORIES SHOWS THIS LISTED TO MILTON C. BROVER. MRS. RUSSELL COLE, EIGHT FIVE ONE SOUTH WINDEMERE, LITTLETON, COLO. ANN COPLON, FIVE FOUR SEVEN PARK AVE., ALBANY, NEW YORK, ALBANY TWO NINE FOUR TWO FIVE. COPLON, FIVE TWO NINE EAST EIGHTY NINTH ST., NYC, AT. NINE FOUR FOUR NINE ONE, THIS LISTING TO ^{BERTRAM} BERTAM G. COPLON AT ABOVE ADDRESS. MAX COPLON, SIX NAUGHT THREE SIX, TWENTY FIFTH AVE., KENOSHA, WISC. BERT, SAME

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ADDRESS. ISEME M. CROUTSICHOS, ONE FOUR SIX ONE GIRARD NW. DEVELOPEX
OPTX, PO BOX ONE FOUR SIX, MADISON SQUARE STATION, NEW YORK. TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY LISTED DEVELOPEX, FOUR TWO NAUGHT LEXINGTON AVE., NYC.
FAIRMAC CORP., THREE EIGHT ONE ONE PORTER ST. NW., THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS
AND FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH. DR. JULIUS FOGEL, ONE SEVEN TWO SIX
M, NW, ME FOUR ONE ONE FOUR. DOROTHY AND LESLIE HARREL, RAF CLUB
SQUADRON, ONE TWO EIGHT PICCADILLY, LONDON W ONE. JOE /OR JO/ KLEIN,
ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT G ST., NW, EX. EIGHT TWO NINE SIX. NUMEROUS REFS
TO JOSEPH KLEIN. LUPMAN, TWO NAUGHT SIX ONE EAST THIRTY THIRD ST.,
BKLYN, ES. SIX THREE FIVE FOUR NINE. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS FRANK
LUPMAN AT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. LOU ^{MEMZER} MEMZER, ONE FIVE SIX NINE
FORTY SECOND ST. SE, VI. NINE ONE EIGHT NAUGHT. HELEN MESEL, ONE SIX
NAUGHT GENESSE AVE., PATTERSON, NJ., VAN HAWKIN FOUR TWO THREE FIVE
NAUGHT. SIG MORAN, FOUR NAUGHT ONE EAST SECOND ST, BKLYN. PHILIP
PAVIA, FIFTY THREE W. EIGHTH ST, NYC, GRAMERCY FIVE FIVE EIGHT SIX FOUR.
PHELPS BAGS, SEVENTEEN EAST FORTY EIGHTH ST., MU. EIGHT ONE SEVEN TWO TWO
MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SHOWS PHELPS INDUSTRIES, W. D. PHELPS,
PHELPS WHOLESALE, INC. AND PHELPS BAGS LISTED TO ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER.
MORTON POMERANZ, ONE SIX THREE THREE FIFTY FIRST ST.,
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BROOKLYN FOUR, NEW YORK. BROOKLYN TELPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS JACOB S. POMERANZ, GEDNEY FIVE TWO FIVE FIVE FOUR AT ADDRESS. MINNIE AND MORT RAFF, FIVE FIVE NINE ORANGE ST, NEW HAVEN CONN. GAIL RAYWID, THIRTY PLATTSBURG COURT, NW., WO. SEVEN FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT. REID HALL, FOUR RUE CHEVREUSE, PARIS, MISS DOROTHY PEET, PRESIDENT. LORRAINE RELANDER, ROUTE THREE, BOX TWO ONE FOUR NINE, YAKIMA, WASHINGTON. DORA SANDER, FOUR TWO NAUGHT SIX KAYWOOD DRIVE, MD., UN. NAUGHT TWO EIGHT NAUGHT. SEIDMAN, ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT AVE. N., DE. NINE THREE FOUR NINE SIX, BROOKLYN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS ARTHUR J. SEIDMAN AT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. SHIRLEY SEIMS. SHIRLEY AND SID SAIMS /OR SANIS/ ONE EIGHT EIGHT-FORTY FIVE A SEVENTY FIRST ST, CRESCENT, FLUSHING, NEW YORK. SHIRLEY AND SID SAIMS/OR SANIS/, THREE ONE NAUGHT W. ONE HUNDREDTH, RI. NINE, THREE NINE SIS FIVE. NO SUCH LISTING. MARGARET SHICK, ONE THREE TWO EIGHT DOWNING , NE., NO. ⁵¹⁴ ~~6~~ THREE THREE FIVE. ~~LORRAINE AND ALVIN SINDERBRAND~~, TWO FOUR SEVEN DELAWARE AVE. SW. SADIE AND DAVE STEMER, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE., JERSEY CITY. HUDSON COUNTY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS DAVID H. STEMER, LAWYER, FIFTEEN EXCHANGE PLACE, JERSEY CITY.

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RESIDENCE, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE, JERSEY CITY. ANNA SYLVAN /KATHIE AND MARTHA/ WO. IN-TWO NINE FIVE NAUGHT OCEAN AVE., GE. SIX FOUR THREE FIVE SEVEN. BKLYN. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS THIS NUMBER TO KINGS COUNTY STONE SETTING CO., FOUR AND FIVE THIRTY NINTH ST., BKLYN. TEXTILE WEAVING CO, EIGHT ONE ONE THIRTEENTH ST., NW. ERIKA THIMEY, TWO NAUGHT ONE TWO P. ST., NW., HO. SEVEN NINE NINE ONE. WOLIN, TWO TWO FOUR WEST HUDSON AVE., ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY, ENGLEWOOD THREE THREE THREE THREE SIX. BKLYN. TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS SYLVAN A. ^WOLIN, TWO NINE FIVE OCEAN PARKWAY, BKLYN., GEDNEY SIX FOUR THREE FIVE SEVEN. BELIEVED IDENTICAL AS MENTIONED IN WFO LET JAN. EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. DORIS WRIGLEY, ONE NINE ONE SEVEN G, NW., APT. THREE, EX. EIGHT THREE TWO ONE. MIMI AND BUDDY ¹³ZWICK, SIX SEVEN FIVE EMPIRE BLVD. SEVENTEEN RUE PREMIERE, CAMPAGNE ¹⁴PARIS FOURTEEN, ^{NY}[OL. TWO THREE EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT.] THIS TELEPHONE DISCONTINUED AND CALLS TRANSFERRED TO KI. SEVEN ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT LISTED TO MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL, BRONX. THE NAMES BEING LISTED HEREIN- AFTER WERE CHECKED AGAINST THE FILES OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE AND INFO WA FOUND ALTHOUGH IN ALL INSTANCES IT WAS NOT DEFINITELY IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE NAME BEING CHECKED. THESE NAMES WERE
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ALSO CONTAINED IN COPLONS DIARY. PERRY MAE BARNES, FIVE NAUGHT ONE TWENTYTHIRD NORTHWEST, DI FIVE FIVE ONE THREE. A MAE BARNES OF FORTYONE DASH TWELVE VERNON BLVD., LI., NY., WAS A SIGNER OF THE MORRIS U. SCHAPPES PETITION. HENRY BECKER, ALBAN TOWERS, WISE OR POSSIBLY WISC/MASS(BRAVER). THERE ARE NUMEROUS REFS TO HENRY BECKER AND MORE TIME WILL BE NEEDED TO CHECK THEM. SARAH BECKER, SEVEN NAUGHT FIVE EIGHTEENTH ST., NORTHWEST, EX FOUR SEVEN HUNDRED, EXTENSION THREE TEN. A SARAH JACOBSON BECKER WAS LISTED ON MAY THIRTEEN, FORTY THREE AS ONE OF THE KEY FIGURES OF THE CP DISTRICT SIX IN OHIO. DR. HERMAN BERNSTEIN, FIVE FOUR THIRTY CONN. AVE., WO FIVE NAUGHT FOUR FIVE. NUMEROUS REFS ARE IN NYO ON BERNSTEIN AND RESULTS OF CHECK WILL BE GIVEN LATER. RUTH BLAUSTEIN, FORTY FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT FIRST PLACE, NORTHEAST, APT. TWENTYTWO, RA SEVEN NINE THREE SIX. FILES SHOW A RUTH BLAUSTEIN, ~~NO~~ ADDRESS, LISTED AS MEMBER OF IWO LODGE NUMBER FIVE SEVENTEEN. AN APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF STENO WITH NAME RUTH BLAUSTEIN OF ONE CABRINI BLVD, NYC, BUT NO DEROGATORY INFO. CONCERNING HER. DAVID BOOKSTAVER, THREE THREE SIX THREE B, SOUTH WAKEFIELD, FARLINGTON, VA. THIS INDIVIDUAL IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF INVESTIGATION ENTITLED DAVID RICHARD BOOKSTAVER, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT DASH ATTORNEY CRIMINAL DIVISION SERIALS IN FILE NYO CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFO ON BOOKSTAVER. ~~BEA~~ B. BRAUDE, PARIS, DINARD, TWENTYNINE RUE CASSETTE /OFF RUE DE RENNES/. THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED

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IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE ENTITLED "BEATRICE BRAUDER~~/~~, RESEARCH ANALYST, DEPT. OF STATE, WASH., DC., LGE." ON NOV. TWO, FORTYSIX MARY JANE KEENEY OF SILVERMASTER CASE, CONTACTED LOIS CARLISLE AND INFORMED HER THAT SHE HAD BEEN TRYING TO LOCATE A GIRL WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM GERMANY, BEATRICE BRAUDER, WHO IS IN THE STATE DEPT. IN THE SECTION KNOWN AS THE STATE RESEARCH INTELLIGENCE. MARY JANE SAID SHE WANTED TO CONTACT THIS ^GIRL BECAUSE THE GIRL HAD A MESSAGE FOR MAY JANE FROM AN ANTI-FASCIST IN BERLIN. LOIS REMARKED THAT THE INFO DESK AT THE DEPT. OF STATE WOULD SOON HAVE TH^E TELEPHONE LISTING OF THIS GIRL IF SHE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS. ON NOV. TWELVE, FORTYSIX CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT C DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT ADVISED THAT MARY JANE KEENEY CONTACTED BEATRICE BRAUDER~~/~~ ON EXTENSION TWO FOUR NAUGHT THREE OF EXEC. SIX ONE NAUGHT ONE. BEATRICE ADVISED SHE HAD A MESSAGE FOR MARY JANE FROM HELLEN BOOTH. THEY MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE LUNCH AT THE FOUR HUNDRED CLUB AT TWELVE FIFTEEN PM. A DESCRIPTION OF BRAUDER IS SET OUT IN THE FILE. SONIA COHEN, THIRTYSEVEN FOURTEEN WOODLEY ROAD, NORTHWEST, OR FOUR SIX NAUGHT FOUR. SEVERAL REFS TO THE NAME SONIA COHEN PERTAINING TO

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITY ARE CONTAINED IN FILES OF NYO BUT ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH THIS ADDRESS. COPLON AND SON, ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE BROADWAY, ROOM FIVE THREE SIX, WA ^{FOUR}~~DASH~~DASH TWO SIX TWENTY. THIS IS A FIRM STARTED BY SUBJS FATHER AND IS PROBABLY OPERATED AT PRESENT BY SUBJS BROHTER, BERTRAM. ALL COPLON, ELEVEN SEVEN DASH NAUGHT ONE PARK LANE SOUTH, KEW GARDENS, VI SEVEN DASH FOUR ONE ONE SEVEN. THIS INDIVIDUAL UNDOUBTEDLY RELATED TO SUBJ., BUT RELATIONSHIP NOT REVEALED FILES NYO. A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE HAVING ACCESS TO THE APARTMENT OF DOROTHY FRIEDMAN, SEVENTYTWO DASH SEVENTWO ONE HUNDRED TWELVE STREET, ^{FOREST}~~FOX~~ HILLS, L. I. MADE AVAILABLE A LIST NAMES BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBERSHIP LIST OF FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB ON CPA ON SEPT. ELEVEN, FORTY FOUR. FRIEDMAN IS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY OF CLUB. ON THIS LIST APPEARS ALFRED COPLON, ELEVEN SEVEN DASH NAUGHT ONE PARK LANE SOUTH, KEW GARDENS, AND MRS. ALFRED COPLON, SAME ADDRESS. THE NAME A. COPLON, WITH THE SAME ADDRESS ON PARK LANE APPEARED ON ADAILY WORKER EXPIRATION LIST OF JUNE SEVENTEEN, FORTY FOUR. PRESENT NY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS COPLON AT THIS ADDRESS AS ALFRED M. COPLON. KIM AND LARRY EBB, THREE NAUGHT FIVE IDAHO AVE, NORTHWEST, OV TWO FIVE FIVE TWO. THIS INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE ENTITLED LAWRENCE FORREST EBB, EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM,

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BUFILE ONE TWENTY FOUR DASH ONE NAUGHT NINE EIGHT. EBB WAS EMPLOYED WAS A LAW CLERK FORTYSIX TO FORTYSEVEN IN OFFICE OF JUDGE AUGUSTUS ~~N. HAND~~ HAND, U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, NY. NO DEROGATORY INFO NY REPORT. IRENE HEBARD, SIX ONE THREE PA. AVE, SOUTHEAST, TR. ONE SEVEN FIVE SIX. FILES THIS OFFICE INDICATE IN CASE ENTITLED NORMAN CHANDLER BURLER, INTERNAL SECURITY R, A MAIL COVER ON BURLER REFLECTED THAT ON APRIL EIGHTEEN, FORTY SIX BURLER RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM I. HEBARD, NO. THREE TWO THIRTY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASH., DC. BURLER ALSO RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM I. HEBARD, NO. TWENTY TWO THIRTY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASH., DC. ON APRIL SIX, FORTY SIX. AL HUDSON, THREE TWO THIRTY N ST., NW., APT. TWO, AD FOUR THREE TWO TWO. NUMEROUS REFERENCES ON ALBERT, ALFRED, AND A. HUDSON. IN SILVERMASTER CASE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] WASH. ADVISED THAT ON FEB. TWENTY THREE, FORTY SIX ONE HUDSON /PHONETIC/ AT THE HISS, STATED HE WOULD CONTACT JIM LAKE, ONE ONE NINE GRAFTON ST., CHEVY CHASE, MD. IN ONE HALF AN HOUR. MARCIA AND GIL LESSER, ONE FOUR FOUR DASH THIRTYFIVE, SEVENTYSIXTH AVE, FLUSHING, NY. NY ADDRESSES DIRECTORY LISTS L. B. HANO AS RESIDING THIS ADDRESS WITH TELEPHONE BO EIGHT DASH THREE SIX EIGHT EIGHT. MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS A BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR GILBERT R. LESSER, ONE NAUGHT ONE WEST FIFTYFIFTH ST.,

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PLAZA SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN THIRTY. A GILBERT R. LESSER RESIDES TEN EIGHT AVE, BROOKLYN, NY AND A GILBERT LESSER RESIDES ONE NINE THREE HART ST, BKLYN, NY. ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, FORTY ONE, A GILBERT LESSER OF FIVE NAUGHT ONE WEST ONE EIGHT NINE ST., NYC WAS INTERVIEWED IN NYO AS AN APPLICANT FOR POSITION OF STENOGRAPHER. HE WAS EIGHTEEN YRS. OF AGE, BORN NYC, PARENTS BORN NYC, NEVER EMPLOYED FEDERAL GOVT., GRADUATED THIRTYNINE, STUDYING AT NYU SINCE FEB. FORTYONE, WAS GIVEN UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. JESSIE MACKNIGHT, FIVE THREE NAUGHT EIGHT MORELAND LANE, BETHESDA, MD., POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF CASE ENTITLED JESSE MACKENZIE MACKNIGHT, SPECIAL INQUIRY DASH STATE DEPT., BUFILE ONE TWENTY THREE DASH THREE FOUR SIX. ADDRESS AS OF MAY TWENTYFIVE, FORTYEIGHT WAS NINE ONE EIGHT HADDON DRIVE, TAKOMA, MD. DR. ALTON AND LEE MEISTER, FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT FOUR WALNUT ROAD, BETHESDA, OL TWO THREE TWO NINE. ONLY RECORD NYO WAS TO A DR. MEISTER, ONE THIRTYFIVE ST, AND CONVENT AVE., NYC, WHO WAS A REF GIVEN BY ALFRED BARRY KIRSCHNER, A FRIEND AND CONTACT OF LYDIA ALTSCHULER, A SUBJ IN. ALTO CASE. BETTY AND BERNIE MORRIS, TWENTYSEVEN HUNDRED, EIGHTH ST. SOUTH, ARLINGTON, VA. SEVERAL REFS FOUND TO BETTY MORRIS, BUT NOT IDENTIFIABLE THIS ADDRESS. NUMEROUS REFERENCES ON BERNARD MORRIS AND MORE IDENTIFYING INFO NEEDED FOR THOROUGH CHECK. FLO MORSE, THREE NAUGHT NINE AVE. C., NYC, OR THREE DASH FOUR

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FOUR TWO SIX. THIS TELEPHONE PRESENTLY LISTED TO JOSEPH MORSE. FILES OFFICE SHOW A MRS. FLORENCE MORSE, TWO TWO NAUGHTDASH EIGHTEEN, NINETY AVE., QUENNS VILLAGE, L.I. WITH BUSINESS ADDRESS ONE FOUR FOUR NAUGHT BROADWAY, NYC, PE SIX DASH EIGHT SIX HUNDRED, WHICH NAME APPEARED IN LIST OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED NAMES OF MEMBERS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT SERVICE OF AMERICAN WOMENS VOLUNTARY SEVICES, FURNISHED THIS OFFICE NOV. SIXTEEN, FORTYTWO FOR INDICES CHECK PURPOSES. ONE JOSEPH MORSE APPEARED ON LETTERHEAD OF AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR A FREE PALESTINE, INC., AS ONE OF FIFTY ONE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT ORGANIZATION. ONE JOSEPH C. MORSE INTRODUCED THE ACCOUNT OF EDWARD I. ARONOW AT MFGS. TRUST CO., ONE FOUR NINE BDWY., NYC. BANK RECORDS SHOW MORSE WAS AN OFICE ASSOCIATE OF ARONOW. ARONOW WAS A LAWYER OF MATTUCK AND MATTUCK, ONE SIX FIVE BDWY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN CAMPAIGN FOR RELEASE OF EARL BROWDER IN FORTYONE. INVESTIGATION OF ARONOW WAS MADE BECAUSE HE ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN ROBERT MINOR, CP FUNCTIONARY AND JAMES BENNETT, DIRECTOR, US. BUREAU OF PRISONS. ONE JOSEPH L. MORSE WAS ONE OF MEMBERS OF PALESTINE RESISTENCE COMMITTEE ACCORDING TO ADVERTISEMENT THIS COMMITTEE APPEARING PM, MARCH NINE,
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PAGE TWELVE

FORTYSEVEN. ONE JOSEPH RAYMOND MORSE WAS A DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT AS A PRINCIPAL ENGINEERING DRAFTSMAN, FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES, LEWISBURG, PA. HAD BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE MAY FORTYTWO AT LEWISBURG, PA. DR. HAROLD PEPPARD, ONE NAUGHT FOUR EAST FORTY ST, NYC, MU THREE DASH TWO TWO FOUR SEVEN. MANHATTAN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS DR. HAROLD M. PEPPARD, ONE NAUMGHT FOUR EAST FORTY ST., AN OSTEOPATH, MURRAY HILL THREE DASH TWO TWO THREE NINE, AND IF NO ANSWER CALL MU THREE DASH TWO TWO FOUR SEVEN. FILES NYO SHOW THAT IN CASE ENTITLED MRS. JOHN PHILIP BENKARD, INTERNAL SECURITY S, MRS. BENKARD RECEIVED LETTERS DATED MAY FIRST AND ^AMY THIRTYFIRST, FORTY THREE FROM DR. PEPPARD. ANDRE SCHINDLER, HOTEL RECOMIER, THREE BIS PLACE, ST. SULPIC, PARIS SIX. ONLY REFERENCE NYO IS TO ANDREW SCHINDLER OF THE BRONX PARLOR FRAME CO., WHO WAS AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED FURNITURE WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO, AND WHOSE NAME WAS SUBMITTED TO BUREAU FROM AN UNKNOWN OUTSIDE SOURCE AS ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS ONE ~~OF~~ ^TTHE RED LEADERS IN NYC. HAROLD SHAPIRO, TWENTY NINETEEN O ST., NY, DO FIVE FOUR SIX NAUGHT. ONLY REFERENCE WAS TO HARRY SHAPIRO IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN MRS. SHAPIRO AND HELEN SILVERMASTER ON NOV. TWENTYSIX, FORTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME SHAPIRO WAS ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN ATLANTIC CITY. THIS INFO CAME FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT b7D

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[REDACTED] HELEN SIEGEL, FOUR NAUGHT FOUR RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CO SEVEN^{b7D}

DASH THREE SIX SEVEN NAUGHT, OFFICE RI NINE DASH NAUGHT ONE FIVE EIGHT. RIVERSIDE NUMBER PRESENTLY LISTED LOUIS SIEGEL, WHO ALSO HAS LISTING AS CPA ATTORNEY, ELEVEN W. FORTYSECOND ST., NYC, TELEPHONE LO THREE DASH SEVEN TWO THREE SEVEN. FILES NYO LIST HELEN SIEGEL, SAME ADDRESS, AS APPEARING ON PETITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, APRIL FIFTEEN, FORTYEIGHT PROTESTING US POLICY IN PALESTINE. PETITION ORGANIZED AND ABETTED BY PERSONS IDENTIFIED BY NYC POLICE AS COMMUNISTS. PAULINE SLAVIN, ^{THIRTY SEVEN PARK ROW} TWENTY TWENTYSEVEN PARK ROW, WASH. NORTHWEST, NO ONE SIX EIGHT SIX. NO REFERENCES TO PAULINE BUT PAULA SLAVIN APPEARED ON MEMBERSHIP LIST OF IWO LODGE NO. EIGHT ONE SEVEN, BIRTH DATE BEING GIVEN AS NINETEEN HUNDRED SIX, TEMKO, TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED Q ST., NO EIGHT TWO SIX FOUR. THIS INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ OF CASE STENLEY LEONARD TEMKO, ERP, BUFILE ONE TWENTY FOUR DASH ONE NAUGHT THREE THREE. TEMKO ATTENDED COLUMBIA UNIV. AND COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, WAS EMPLOYED AS LAW CLERK TO MR. JUSTICE RUTLEDGE, US SUPREME COURT, WASH., DC., FROM AUG. FORTYSEVEN TO PRESENT. NO DEROGATORY INFO DEVELOPED NY INVESTIGATION. WEINSTOCK, ONE EIGHT SIX TWO EAST FOURTEEN ST., NI FIVE DASH TWO ONE FIVE NINE. CURRENT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS S. A. WEINSTOCK RESIDING SAME ADDRESS. NUMEROUS REFS TO S. WEINSTEIN, BUT NONE TO S. A. COMPLETE REVIEW WILL BE MADE. ROSE AND HENRY

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PAGE FOURTEEN

ZWICK, ONE TWO NAUGHT FIVE AVE., R, DE NINE DASH FOUR NAUGHT SIX SIX.
FILES NYO INDICATE CASE FILE ON ROSE ZWICK, WAS., SECURITY MATTER C,
WHO RESIDED THREE EIGHT SEVEN, A, ATKINS AVE., BROOKLYN, IN FORTY FOUR.
ZWICK WAS MEMBER OF EAST NY CLUP OF CP IN TWENTYTWO ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,
KINGS COUNTY, BROOKLYN. IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HUSBANDS NAME IN
FILE WAS GIVEN AS PAUL WHEREAS IN THE ADDRESS BOOK THE NAME OF HENRY
WAS GIVEN. FOLLOWING ARE OTHER NOTATIONS CONTAINED IN COPLONS
ADDRESS BOOK--- MC GRAW HILL, NIGHT, RE SIX DASH SIX THREE NINE/O/
RE TWO NAUGHT EIGHT ONE X, THREE NAUGHT TWO /NAGAN/ WHICH MIGHT REFER
TO SEYMOUR NAGAN. KACHEAN GARDENS, OR SIX SIX TWO TWO. THIS ENTRY
ILLEGIBLE AND MIGHT POSSIBLY REFER TO MC LEAN GARDENS. COLUMBIA U
LIBRARY FOUR DASH F, NINE TO FIVE THIRTY, SATURDAY, NINE TO TWELVE,
CLOSED SUNDAY PAST ^{12455 3 / 5} THREE FIFTEEN. JEFFERSON HALL, THREE SIX EIGHT FIVE
THIRTYEIGHTH ST., NORTHWEST, ROOM ONE THREE FIVE, OR THREE FIVE THIRTY,
WO NINE EIGHT SEVEN ONE. LENVIN, TE THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN. DI EIGHT
FOUR FIVE EIGHT. STEVE, CH THREE NINE SEVEN SIX. STEVENS, DI NAUGHT
ONE FIVE FIVE. LEE OFFICE, NORTHWEST, UN SEVEN SEVEN ONE THREE.
ALSO CONTAINED IN COPLONS PURSE WAS AN ENVELOPE WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS
MORTON POMERANZ, ONE
END OF PAGE FOURTEEN

PAGE FIFTEEN

SIX THREE THREE, FIFTYFIRST ST., BKLYN., NY. THE LETTER CONTAINED IN THE ENVELOPE WAS VERY PERSONAL IN NATURE AND INDICATED POSSIBLY A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POMERANZ AND COPLON TO WHOM THE LETTER WAS ADDRESS. AT THE BOTTOM OF LETTER WRITTEN IN A DIFFERENT COLOR INK, VERY LIKELY BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, APPEARED THE FOLLOWING NOTATION--ECA DASH ARE LOOKING FOR P DASH TWENTYFIVE PREETY CLOSED CORP DASH NEED SOMEONE TO WORK FOR HIM. SEND HIM OVER TO MILTON ^{Wuint.} ~~WUINT~~ CAB CHERTKOFF. NYO INDICES NEGATIVE WUINT AND CHERTKOFF. ^{Point,} COPLON ALSO HAD A COPY OF THE BOOK ENTITLED ^THE PORTABLE RABELAIS, SELECTED AND INTRODUCED BY SAMUEL PUTNAM, PUBLISHED BY VIKING PRESS, INC. NINETEEN FORTYSIX, NYC. AT TIME CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MADE AVAILABLE POSSESSIONS OF COPLON TO AGENTS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT SHE HAD NONE OF HER PERSONAL POSSESSIONS WITH HER WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION FO A SMALL CHANGE PURSE WHICH AGENTS NOTED LATER IN THE EVENING OF JAN. NINETEEN. THE PURSE CONTAINED IN COPLONS CASE ANSWERED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ONE SHE WAS CARRYING WHEN SHE LEFT WASH. SURVEILLANCE OF COPLON CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT CURRENTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CORRS--- PAGE FIVE -- LINE NINE WRD 4 SHOULD BE -- WOLIN--
PAG THRE-- LINE 13 WRD 7 IS -- HAWKIN--
PAGE 8 LINE 3 WRD 6 SHOULD BE -- FOUR--

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 23/1949

TELETYPE

WASH AND WASH FLD FROM NEW YORK 23 12-24 AM
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON- ESPIONAGE- R. SUBJECT LEFT HOME AT NOON AND WENT TO
SAKS FIFTH AVENUE SHOPPING WHERE SHE MET WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE HELEN
SIEGEL AND UNKNOWN WOMAN WHO APPARENTLY NEVER MET COPLON. AFTER SHOPP-
ING, THEY WENT TO LORD AND TAYLOR DEPARTMENT STORE SHOPPING, AFTER WHICH
SUBJECT MET MAN DRIVING AUTOMOBILE WHOSE TAGS WERE REGISTERED TO SEYMOUR
NAGAN ONE FOUR THREE ONE HARRISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY. THIS INDIVIDUAL
KNOWN CONTACT OF SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON D. C. THEY WENT TO TWO FIVE SEVEN
WEST THIRTY NINTH STREET NEW YORK CITY AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL APPROXI-
MATELY FOUR FIFTY P. M. AT WHICH TIME THEY LEFT IN AUTOMOBILE AND WERE
LOST AT IRVING PLACE AND TWELFTH STREET WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THREE
DOORS FROM CP HEADQUARTERS. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUED SUBJECTS HOME TONIGHT
AND WILL BE MAINTAINED TOMORROW. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

NYNR 1 WA
BUREAU ADVISED

FILE STRIPPED

Date: 1/22/69

Initials: [Signature]

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65-5128-40 Mendenhall [Signature]

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

TELETYPE

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OWASH AND WASH FIELD 4 23 3-30 PM
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. AS OF THREE PM TODAY SUBJECT HAS NOT
LEFT HOME/. WFO WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DEPARTURE. NO SURVEILLANCE ON
TRAIN CONTEMPLATED. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA T. F. CURRY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
(65-5128)

DATE: January 23, 1949

At 7:43 PM, this date, SA C. J. RYAN, of the New York division, telephonically advised that the subject had left New York together with HAROLD SHAPIRO. They boarded the "ARLINGTON", Tr #143, advanced section, departing New York at 7:30 PM due to arrive in D.C. at 11:20 PM.

Subject and SHAPIRO were in Car # 3203, seated in the sixth seat from the front of the car on the left side of the car. This car is the seventh car in the train. Subject is dressed as she was at the time of her arrival in New York.

A teletype summary of her activities is being sent by New York to the Bureau and WFO.

SA MENDENHALL, who was in the office, was advised of the above. No further action being taken.

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Mendenhall JHM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 23 1949

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CONF WASH AND WASH FLD FROM NEW YORK 5 23 8-13 PM
DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE- R. SUBJECT SHOPPED IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND WAS
DRIVEN TO PENNSYLVANIA STATION BY FAMILY. SHE MET HAROLD SHAPIRO THERE
AND THE TWO LEFT NEW YORK CITY SEVEN THIRTY P. M. WASHINGTON FIELD OFF-
ICE GIVEN DETAILS OF ARRIVAL BY PHONE.

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BUREAU ADVISED

*SA Mendenhall advised
me*

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F. B. I.
JAN 23 8 21 PM '49
Mendenhall

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD

1-24-49

1:45 PM

DIRECTOR

URGENT

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE -- R. REMYLET JANUARY NINETEEN LAST. SAME HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE RECONTACTED JANUARY TWENTY LAST AND ADVISED ONE FILE
CABINET, SUBJECT-S OFFICE, JUSTICE BLDG. CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY TWO-HUNDRED
AND FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL FBI SECURITY REPORTS. ALSO CONTAINED SIX BOUND COPIES
THREE DATED JANUARY SEVENTEEN, FORTY-NINE AND THREE DATED JANUARY EIGHTEEN,
NINETEEN FORTY-NINE, OF FOREIGN RADIO BROADCASTS NUMBER ELEVEN AND NUMBER
TWELVE, LATIN-AMERICAN, FAR-EASTERN, AND EUROPEAN SECTIONS, PUBLISHED BY
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION BRANCH, C. I. A. NO INDICATION OF REMOVAL OF
ANY PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED MATERIAL. SOURCE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE IN IMMEDIATE
FUTURE, PHOTOGRAPHS OF FIRST PAGES ABOVE MENTIONED REPORTS.

HOTTEL.

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TI:smg

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

SENT VIA _____ M

Per _____

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WAB

Director, FBI

January 24, 1949

Re: HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Passport #204249 was issued on May 7, 1948, to JUDITH COPLON for travel to France, Great Britain, Italy, and Switzerland for touring purposes. The subject stated in her passport application, which she executed at Washington, D. C. on May 5, 1948, that she was born on May 17, 1921, at Brooklyn, New York; that her permanent residence was at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York; that her occupation was that of Political Analyst. She further stated that her father, SAMUEL M. COPLON, was born at Troy, New York on March 31, 1880, and is now residing at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject stated that she intended to leave the United States from the port of New York on May 27, 1948, and that she intended to return to the United States within six weeks. One DORIS E. WRIGLEY of 828 Gebhardt Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, executed an affidavit on May 5, 1948, in which she stated that she had known the subject for three years and that she knew her to be a United States citizen. In this application, the subject is described as being 5' in height, with brown hair, brown eyes, and no distinguishing marks or features.

Also included in these records is a copy of the subject's Birth Certificate issued by the Department of Health, Bureau of Records and Statistics, City of New York, which states that according to Birth Record Number 19563, filed in the Brooklyn Office of this Bureau on May 20, 1921, JUDITH COPLON, female, was born on May 17, 1921, in the City of New York.

There is no indication that the subject had previously been issued a passport and these records disclosed no further pertinent information concerning this individual.

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S/E
Director, FBI

January 25, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL (U)

Re: Technical and Microphone Surveillance

This is to advise that at 7:50 A. M., January 25, 1949, a telephone-microphone surveillance was installed on the office of Miss JUDITH COPLON, Room 2220, Department of Justice Building, telephone extension 163. This surveillance is covered in the Detention Room, B-634, of this building. The symbol number assigned this surveillance is *two*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: January 25, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

As your office was orally instructed by Assistant Director D. M. Ladd on January 24, 1949, provided full security is assured, authorization is given to install a technical and microphone surveillance on Room 2220, Department of Justice Building. You are requested to advise the Bureau of the date and time of this installation as well as the symbol number and plant location.

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

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DIRECTOR AND SAC

WOCASE, ESPIONAGE, R. REHTEL JAN. SEVENTEEN, FORTYNINE, REFER TO WFO
LETTER NOV. TWENTY FIVE, FORTYSEVEN IN INSTANT CASE ADVISING CHECK FOREIGN
AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION RE JACK SCHLE NEGATIVE. SSA LOMEL ADVISES
INFO SECURED FROM MRS. IRVINE LOMLEY, F.A.R. SECTION, JUSTICE. INFO
SECURED BY TELEPHONE OR INFORMAL VISIT TO HER OFFICE AND, WHERE
INDEX MAINTAINED ON HER DESK IS NEGATIVE AS TO INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION,
NO ROTATION MADE AS TO FBI INQUIRY.

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from receiving*

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WASHINGTON AND WFO FROM NEW YORK

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DIRECTOR AND SAC

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MOGASE, ESPIONAGE, R. RENYLET TO BUREAU DATED NOV. SEVEN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN WHEREIN WFO WAS REQUESTED BY NY OFFICE TO CHECK JUSTICE DEPT. RECORDS TO DETERMINE IF JACK SOBLE REGISTERED AS FOREIGN AGENT. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVME CASE, THAT JUDITH CAPLON HOLDS RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION OF DEPT., BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER DISCREETLY ASCERTAINING IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER THE ABOVE REQUEST PASSED THROUGH HER HANDS WHICH MAY JEOPARDIZE SECURITY OF MOGASE. IF SUCH REQUEST DID NOT GET TO HER, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN IN HAVING ALL BUREAU CORRESPONDENCE TO DEPT. CONCERNING JACK SOBLE IRADICATED SO THAT SUCH RECORDS CANNOT BE CHECKED BY CAPLON. WFO SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION IN RE ABOVE UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY BUREAU.

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HOLD PLS

cc-65-5128

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Director, FBI

SAC, New York

JUDITH COPLIN; (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

January 24, 1949

*as of 3-1-49
Seattle, New York, Denver*
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL (U)

During the investigation of the above individual, it was ascertained through a highly confidential source that she had in addition to many other the following names and addresses in her address book:

HELEN HENSL
160 Genesee Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey
Van Nuys 4-2350

SADIE and DAVE STENGE
244 Van Nostrand Avenue
Jersey City 5, New Jersey

The Jersey City Telephone Directory lists DAVID M. STENGE as an attorney, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City in addition to the residence address above.

SYLVAN A. VOLIN
224 West Hudson Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey
Englewood 3-3336

MAI COPLIN
6834 29th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisc, also NENT (possibly referring to BERTHIE COPLIN, her brother, who is currently residing in New York City)

HENRY BUCKER
Albion Towers,
Wisc (or possibly Wisc) Mass (BEAVER)

Due to the illegible handwriting of COPLIN, the above is not too accurate. The name BEAVER (possibly refers to WILTON BEAVER, who resides in New York.)

ANN COPLIN
547 Park Avenue,
Albany, New York
Albany 2-9425

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Mrs. RUSSELL COLE
811 South Windmere
Littleton, Colorado

MINNIE and MORT RAYT
359 Orange Street
New Haven, Connecticut

LORRAINE KILANINE
Route 3, Box 2, 149 Yakima, Washington

CLAUDE SEAGLIER
3679 Level Avenue
Montreal, Canada

The offices receiving copies of this letter should verify the correct spelling and address of the individual or individuals residing in their district and check the names against the files of the office. The Bureau as well as the Washington Field Office and New York Office should be advised immediately in the event any of the names are incorrectly spelled above. The results of the file check should be furnished the Bureau and the Washington Field Office, the latter being origin in this case. No investigation of these individuals is being requested at the present time.

The Bureau is requested to ascertain through its confidential sources has any information on CLAUDE SEAGLIER.

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Due to the importance of instant case, it is requested that this be handled by each office immediately. This matter must be handled in a discreet manner.

cc Albany
Boston
Denver
Milwaukee
Newark
New Haven
Seattle
✓ Washington Field

Director, FBI

January 31, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet January 23, 1949. The records of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., were checked and reflect that HELEN SIEGEL was employed by the U. S. Department of Justice from July 12, 1943 to July 19, 1944. There is a notation in the file to the effect that the working fund of the Office of Economic Warfare was transferred to the Department of Justice. No further information concerning SIEGEL was available in these records.

The indices of the Washington Field Office reflect no information concerning this SIEGEL.

Regarding SEYMOUR MAGAN, the Readers Guide Indices of the Library of Congress reflected the following articles written by him:

1. An article entitled, "Another Language; Honorable Japanese is a troublesome tongue as our Occupation Troops are finding out", appears on page 26 of the September 23, 1945, New York Times Magazine. This article is a short treatise on the Japanese language with emphasis on the Japanese practice of the functional naming of objects and persons. This same article in abbreviated form under the title, "Honorable Japanese is a Troublesome Tongue", appears on pages 87 and 88 of the December, 1945 issue of the "Science Digest".
2. An article entitled, "Bringing Down the House", with a sub-title "With Hammers and Torches the Building Wreckers are busy clearing sites for new construction", appears on page 28 of the February 3, 1946 issue of the New York Times Magazine. This is an article concerned wholly with the building wrecking trade.

Both of the above mentioned articles are of no significance to this investigation.

3. An article entitled, "Top Secret; Nazis at Work", appears on pages 24 to 26 of the August 11, 1947 issue of the "New Republic" Magazine. This article is concerned with "Operations Paperclip", in which it is stated that the German scientists brought to the United States by the Army and Navy to work on technical research in the United States are a great potential threat to the United States security, endangering the most vital defense secrets.

4. An article entitled, "I'd Like to Take it Easy", appears on pages 17 to 20, of the August 18, 1947 issue of the "New Republic". This article is a story about one WILLIAM J. COOK who after 35 years of service with the General

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cc - New York

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
January 31, 1949

Electric Company, now retired, is trying to obtain larger pensions for retired employees of this company.

5. An article entitled, "How to Get on With the Russians", with a sub-heading "Let's Take the Chip Off Our Shoulder, says SAMUEL B. LUSH, a Business Man who Knows What he is Talking About", appears on pages 24 to 26 of the September 15, 1947, issue of the "New Republic". This article concerns itself with one SAMUEL B. LUSH, President of the Lush Trading Company and the Lush Cotton Products Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It points out that the Lush Trading Company imports products from all over the world and sells them through the United Nations Bazaar in Philadelphia. It further points out that the Lush Cotton Products Company, which imports cotton waste from China, India and the Soviet Union, does more than 60% of its total business with the Russians. The entire theme of this article is highly favorable to the Russians and disparages the Truman Doctrine and the American Foreign Policy as a threat to war.

In an addendum to the above mentioned articles appearing in the "New Republic", it is noted that SEYMOUR NAGAN was formerly on the staff of the New York Times Magazine, Fortune Magazine, and Newsweek Magazine.

Records of the indices of the Washington Field Office reflect no information concerning NAGAN.

The New York Office will, if deemed advisable, discreetly contact the offices of the above mentioned publications and obtain and furnish to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office whatever background information is available on NAGAN.

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Director, FBI

February 1, 1949

GUY ROTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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In accordance with the request of the Bureau, Mr. LEROY McCAULEY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and an Administrative Officer of the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, was interviewed on January 31, 1949.

Mr. McCAULEY was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the allegations made by ADELE MILLER of Miss COPLON's activities.

Mr. McCAULEY stated that for sometime prior to the date of the type-written material furnished him by ADELE MILLER at the time when he was the Administrative Officer of the Criminal Division, she had come to him on several occasions prior to June 5, 1946, and complained that she was being persecuted by persons in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department, which Section was then located in the Hutchins Building, 939 - D Street, N. W. She told him that she was being observed surreptitiously by her fellow employees and that they were casting "spells" over her. He advised that she was obviously mentally deranged as she spoke of then being able to see and observe her movements "through the walls".

Mr. McCAULEY said that ADELE MILLER later came to him and told him that so many things were "buzzing around" in her head concerning the Foreign Agents Registration Section that she desired to be given a private room so that she could write these thoughts down as they came to her. He said that in order to keep her quiet, he assigned her a room but that she then came to him and requested the use of a typewriter as she could type much faster than she could write. He said that he granted this request and furnished her with the typewriter.

Mr. McCAULEY stated that during the time that she was supposedly typing this material, he, one morning around 10:00 A. M. received a call from the U. S. Secret Service advising him that ADELE MILLER was being detained by the White House Police for having dug a hole in the White House grounds with the expressed intention of burying a religious medal which she stated was the only way to protect the President from "evil spells" that were being directed toward him. He stated that Miss MILLER was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital by the Secret Service and that as a result of a mental examination given her there, she was committed for treatment and remained there for two or three months.

Mr. McCAULEY stated that at the time of this commitment, she was immediately dropped from the rolls of the Department but that after her release from St.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
February 1, 1949

Elizabeth's Hospital, she returned to demand re-instatement to her former job and furnished him with the typewritten memorandum which she had been writing just prior to being committed to St. Elizabeths. He said that he had shown the material to Mr. CLIVE PALMER, Chief of the Loyalty Board and Special Assistant to the Attorney General for Personnel Matters, under Mr. PEYTON FORD, and that they agreed that in view of all of the foregoing circumstances, the material was a "figment of Miss MILLER's imagination", and that he therefore filed it away for whatever future reference might possibly be made of it. He stated that he had not furnished it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation because he felt certain that in view of Miss MILLER's mental condition, the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not have been interested in it. He stated, however, that when the present investigation of JUDITH COPLON by the Federal Bureau of Investigation came to his attention he thought of this material and decided to furnish it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for whatever purpose it might serve.

In 1946, when the Foreign Agents Registration Section was transferred to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, it was deemed advisable that investigations be conducted of the personnel of this Section and Miss COPLON was among the employees investigated at this time. It should be noted that both Mr. CLIVE PALMER and Mr. LEROY McCAULEY have an extremely high regard for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and have gone out of their way on numerous occasions in assisting the Washington Field Office in obtaining information desired by the Bureau. In this connection, Mr. McCAULEY has rendered unusual service and has been most cooperative with agents of the Washington Field Office.

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January 28, 1949
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Director, FBI

Re: JUDITH COPLON
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Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed copies of the report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., dated January 28, 1949 in connection with the captioned matter.

Attention is called to that section of the report dealing with contacts and associates of JUDITH COPLON, and in particular, the information set out pertaining to ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, who is currently employed in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, New York City. It will be noted that WOHLFORTH was the individual who recommended COPLON for her position with the Department in 1943.

An investigation was made of WOHLFORTH in the case entitled "ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH, aka WOHLFORTH; Antitrust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, New York, New York; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES". In the reports in that case, it is noted that several individuals referred to WOHLFORTH as a person who associated with alleged Communists. 760

It is felt that WOHLFORTH might possibly be a very important contact of COPLON from the Bureau's point of view, because of the following circumstances:

WOHLFORTH is acquainted with ALFRED K. and MARTHA DODD STERN, subjects of a Soviet espionage case, and connected with the NOCASE group.

VALENTINE ALEXANDER VICH GURICHENOV, the Soviet agent who apparently handles COPLON, is a patient of Dr. ROBERT SOBIE, another subject in the NOCASE group. ROBERT SOBIE is a brother and close confidant of JACK SOBIE, a known Soviet agent who succeeded VASSILI ZUBILIN in directing the activities of BORIS MORRIS and ALFRED K. STERN in the formation of a Soviet cover company in the United States. In addition, JACK SOBIE has stated that his brother, ROBERT SOBIE, was connected with Soviet intelligence for a number of years but has of late decreased his activity in that field.

It can be seen that there is, at least, a thread of connection between COPLON and the NOCASE group, and also, there is a slight possibility that WOHLFORTH was used, whether knowingly or not, to assist in getting COPLON a position with the Department in 1943.

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